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Portfolio

The Times Portfolio competition prize was shared by two readers yesterday. Lieutenant-Commander Andrew Wynn, of HMS Ark Royal and Mr D Parkin of London each received £2,000 because the previous day's prize was not won. The fifth Ark Royal is being built on the Tyne, so Commander Wynn is able to bury The Times in Newcastle every day, rather than having the paper delivered by helicopter, the practice when a ship is at sea. There is another opportunity to win £2,000 today, and tomorrow £42,000 can be won. The weekly prize of £20,000 is doubled because it was not won last week, and to it is added the daily £2,000 prize. Portfolio list, page 23; how to play, information service, back page.

Reagan call for new trade talks

President Reagan has urged needs of developed and developing countries in his state-of-the-union message, to expand free trade opportunities in high technology and services. He also accelerated the timetable for a new round of negotiations among leading nations by insisting that they be held next year. Reagan speech, page 8

Two killed in Harrier crash

A Royal Navy two-seater Sea Harrier jet crashed on a routine training flight yesterday afternoon, killing both pilots. The plane, from 899 Naval Air Squadron, crashed three miles north of Yeovilton, Somerset, blocking the A37 with wreckage.

Hijackers flee

Four gunmen escaped into the night after hijacking a Cyprus Airways jet in Beirut and subsequently abandoning the venture.

Mail talks fail

London editions of the Daily Mail failed to appear today for the third consecutive day after talks between management and Sogat '82, the print union, broke down.

Kim's offer

Mr Kim Doe Jung, the South Korean opposition leader on his way home from exile, said in Tokyo he is ready for peaceful dialogue with President Chun's government. Page 7. Leading article, page 17

Monro dies

Matt Monro, the singer, died in the Cromwell Hospital, London from cancer, aged 54. Obituary, page 18

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Western technology helps the Third World fight disease. A Special Report looks at the problems of health without wealth. Pages 24, 25

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Murderers of priest given long jail terms

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Captain Grzegorz Piotrowski, the Polish secret police agent described by prosecutors as a "cold-blooded, cynical murderer", was yesterday sentenced to the maximum 25 years' jail for his part in the grisly and politically explosive killing of Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the Solidarity supporter.

As the 33-year-old former officer sobbed quietly in the dock, Judge Artur Kujawa explained that he had decided against death by hanging, as demanded by the prosecutor, because "punishment is not a means of education or deterrence". Piotrowski's three co-defendants - his commanding officer, Colonel Adam Pietruszka, and subordinate lieutenants Leszek Pekala and Waldemar Chmielewski - were also found guilty. Colonel Pietruszka, aged 47, was sentenced to 25 years in jail, as demanded by the State prosecutor for his role in instigating the crime. Lieutenant Pekala, 32, was given 15 years in prison, 10 years less than was sought by the prosecutor. Lieutenant Chmielewski, 29, was jailed for 14 years, compared with the 25-year term the prosecutor demanded.

Both Pekala and Chmielewski broke down as Judge Kujawa read out the sentences to the packed courtroom. The typical man-in-the-street reaction both in Torun, where the trial was held, and Warsaw, was anger that Piotrowski had not been sentenced to death. "Crowds of several hundred gathered at barriers blocking off the courtroom, and at news of the verdict there were shouts of 'Heroes, discussion, television broadcasts have stirred up much antipathy towards Piotrowski, who has shown little remorse at the killing." Continued on back page, col 6

Tories look at water boards sale

By Julian Haviland Political Editor

Ministers are giving urgent consideration to the early privatization of the nine English water authorities and the Welsh authority, with total assets valued at about £6,000 million.

The urgency is caused by the difficulties the Government has experienced with its own supporters in forcing the water authorities to make steep increases in charges next year, to repay borrowing, and make an extra profit for the Treasury.

Mr Ian Gow, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, defending the Government's action, said yesterday in the Commons that the Government would be examining the possibility of a measure of privatization in the water industry. The announcement was seen as an attempt to buy off some of the Tory opposition but several said that his formula was too tentative and that they would still vote against the Government.

Union leaders representing 25,000 manual workers in the water industry yesterday submitted a claim for a substantial pay increase that would add more than £10 a week to basic rates of pay. The unions are also seeking cuts in the working week and longer holidays (Our Labour Correspondent writes). Parliament, page 4

Sinclair puts off flotation

By Cliff Feltham

Sinclair Research, the computer group created by Sir Clive Sinclair, has shelved plans to seek a listing on the stock market next month because of the problems now facing the industry. The company yesterday said that it had postponed the flotation because of the "adverse stock market sentiment towards companies in the computer sector".

The decision follows the suspension in the dealings of shares in its rival Acorn Computers, makers of the BBC Micro, pending a reorganization. Acorn was meeting its new financial advisers yesterday. A number of other computer firms have either gone into receivership or been forced to lay off staff as fierce competition has led to a wave of price-cutting. Sinclair would not elaborate on its decision to delay the flotation but it is thought that it could now be at least six months away, depending on how the computer market behaves. Details page 19

30 killed as homes collapse

At least 30 people were killed when a six-storey block of flats collapsed in the southern Italian town of Castellana early yesterday morning. The dead were asleep when an entire corner of the building crumbled at 4am.



A Gatwick welcome for, from left, Michael Berringer, Malcolm Anderson, Alan Russell, Terry Waite and Robin Plummer (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Brittan discloses phone tapping

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, yesterday disclosed that successive Foreign Secretaries, Labour as well as Conservative, have been conducting economic espionage, ordering telephone taps and postal interceptions to protect the interests of the British economy.

He told the Commons that the power was restricted to gathering intelligence about foreign events and intentions. But Whitehall sources also disclosed last night that the government had ever before acknowledged that a Foreign Secretary had authorized any kind of domestic interception. A White Paper on The Interception of Communications said: "The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary authorizes interception in accordance with the Government's requirements for intelligence in support of its defence and foreign policies when he considers that this is necessary in the interests of national security, or to safeguard the economic well-being of the country."

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour spokesman on home affairs, asked Mr Brittan in what circumstances the economic power would be used. "Will it be used, for example, for the surveillance of communications by currency dealers since the level of the pound is a matter of economic well-being?" Mr Brittan did not respond to that specific question, but he gave a complete answer to Mr Bruce Millan, a former Labour Secretary of State for Scotland, who himself had authorized intercepts in Scotland between 1976 and 1979. Mr Millan asked: "Is the Home Secretary aware that the criteria of economic well-being is completely new? It has not been necessary before, why is it necessary now?"

Tass says Chernenko is back in action

By Our Foreign Staff

Conflicting reports and rumours about the state of President Chernenko's health yesterday pointed to growing confusion in the Soviet leadership about how to handle the crisis. Tass last night said Mr Chernenko had spoken about agriculture at a Politburo meeting yesterday. This is the first official statement that the Soviet leader, not seen in public since December 27, had resumed active duties.

It came less than 24 hours after Mr Viktor Afanasyev, a Central Committee member and Chief Editor of Pravda, told Italian television that Mr Chernenko was ill. Mr Afanasyev stressed that Mr Chernenko was still "in charge of the party and country despite being ill." He was among those who gave similar assurances about President Andropov shortly before he died a year ago, and his remarks immediately started fresh speculation. Yesterday the London Standard, quoting Moscow sources, said he "was brought back from the dead after a massive heart attack." But Mr Vladimir Bolshakov, a political observer with Pravda, denied that the President had had a stroke. The mystery could be resolved on Monday when Mr Andreas Papanastasiou, the Greek Prime Minister, is due to arrive in Moscow for an official visit. Rumour still rife, page 16

Four Britons come home from Libya

By Richard Dowden

The four Britons detained in Libya for eight and a half months were reunited with their families at Gatwick airport last night.

Their departure from Tripoli was delayed briefly when Mr Alan Russell, one of the hostages, did not get to the airport on time. The aircraft nearly left without him.

After a private meeting with their families the men were shepherded to a crowded press conference by Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who had negotiated their release. They were also met by Mr Stephen Egerton, head of the Middle East desk at the Foreign Office, who has given Mr Waite constant guidance in his dealings with the Libyans.

The men all expressed their wish to put the experience behind them. Uncertainty over their future was their biggest problem, and towards the end of last year Mr Michael Berringer's health was giving grave cause for concern. Their frustration was best expressed by Mr Robin Plummer, who said he used to wake up and scream for two minutes every morning when he realized where he was. Their morale and their health improved once they were moved to a villa outside Tripoli in January.

Mr Plummer, aged 33, is the only one with a certain job to come back to. As a British Telecom engineer he has been paid his full salary while in detention.

Mr Malcolm Anderson, aged 27, has been offered a job as welder by his former employer, Charlton Leslie in Newcastle.

Mr Russell completed his contract in Libya and hopes to do a course at a college in Britain. Mr Berringer, who had taught in Libya for 10 years, has no job at present. Last night they all headed for their homes. They will meet again at a party to be given shortly at Lambeth Palace by the Archbishop of Canterbury. It was disclosed last night that the families of the four detainees wrote to Mrs Thatcher three times during their detention urging her to send an envoy to hold talks with the Libyans. Each time Mrs Thatcher wrote back saying it would not do any good. Leading article, page 17

Joint approach by Nacods and NUM is rebuffed

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The National Coal Board refused last night to bow to pressure from a new alliance of striking mineworkers and working pit deputies.

Leaders of the NUM and the pit deputies' union Nacods have joined forces for the first time to try to compel a change in government and coal board policy on the closure of "uneconomic" coal mines, but the initiative seems doomed to failure.

The two unions met yesterday and demanded "immediate negotiations" to end the pit strike, but after studying their joint statements the board insisted that negotiations had not been brought any nearer. Mr Michael Eaton, chief spokesman for the board, said: "We have no grounds whatsoever to reconvene negotiations."

His comments crushed NUM hopes that there would be a cautious resumption of the peace process next week, based on the "open agenda" that is still the subject of continuing contact between the two sides.

Yesterday's unexpected conference between the miners and pit deputies took place in Sheffield and the two unions issued a statement saying: "It is agreed that there should be immediate negotiations to resolve the long and damaging dispute in the mining industry." To that end it had been agreed between the two unions that "the conditions being demanded of the NUM by the coal board would effectively negate the agreement reached between Nacods and the coal board in October 1984."

The pit deputies have stopped short of withdrawing from the agreement on colliery

Another 202 miners abandoned the strike and returned to work, according to the coal board (the Press Associations reports). Pit 'scars', page 2

Thatcher says pit deputies deal not in jeopardy

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mrs Margaret Thatcher denied repeatedly in the Commons yesterday afternoon that the agreement made between the National Coal Board and the pit deputies' union Nacods last October had been put in jeopardy by the morning's talks between Nacods and the National Union of Mineworkers.

Although Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, insisted that the circumstances had been significantly changed, the Prime Minister stated several times that the coal board had made clear to Nacods that the agreement would be honoured in full, and she regretted that Nacods had been unable to persuade the NUM to accept the Nacods agreement.

At Westminster last night Mr Kinnock said that the Prime Minister had given every impression in the Commons that nobody had told her the news about the meeting of the two unions. Parliament, page 4

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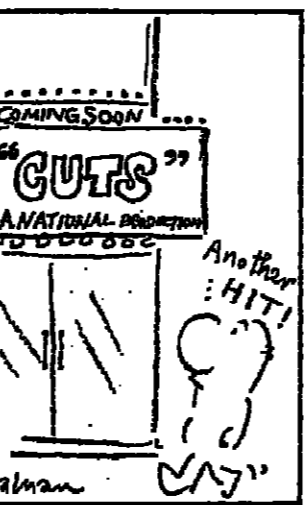
National Theatre to close one stage and cut jobs

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The National Theatre is to close one of its three stages, the Cottesloe, make one in seven of its workforce redundant and consider moving out of the South Bank complex because of the financial crisis facing it.

Sir Peter Hall, the theatre's director, announcing the cut-backs yesterday, accompanied the news with a strong attack on the Arts Minister, Lord Gowrie, the Arts Council and even some of his fellow directors of national arts institutions. Of Lord Gowrie, Sir Peter said: "I don't believe he is protecting the arts. I think he is projecting the fiscal policy of the Government."

In a bitter speech against the Arts Council, which has limited the grants increase of the National and other large companies to under 2 per cent this year, he said: "The Arts Council, instead of fighting for the arts, is becoming more a straight instrument of government policy. The unfortunate effect of this will be job losses up and down the country and a loss of international standing as far as our arts are concerned."



tentative idea to withdraw its £750,000 to the National, the company would cease to exist, Sir Peter said. But he blamed its present predicament squarely

on the Government and the Arts Council. "This Government has a very clear philosophy: if you cut public expenditure you do good. You stimulate companies and you stimulate management resources. They have applied this unthinkingly to the arts with the idea that if you cut the arts they get better. I don't believe the Government realizes what it is doing."

The immediate economy measures will be the closure in April of the Cottesloe, the National's small experimental stage, and 100 redundancies across the board, including management and performers.

All foyer activities will be ended unless they are paid for privately and the company will carry out no touring unless it is paid for by additional Arts Council grants.

Sir Peter's attack on the Arts Council has brought relations between the two bodies to their lowest level. The secretary-general of the council, Mr Luke Rittner, said: "It is sad to see Sir Peter aiming so wide a net of the mark. The plain fact is that the government funding for the Arts Council for 1985-86 allows us to make only an average 2 per cent uplift of our clients. Increases in the future will be won by reasoned argument and not emotional outbursts. "During the 1980s the Arts Council's support for the National Theatre has at least kept pace with inflation, enabling the company to work on a full operational basis. Indeed the company is scheduled to operate at a small surplus in the current year." The actors' union, Equity, said that it would resist the National management's moves to reduce work for its members.

Scarman Bill to bring European human rights into English law

By Julian Haviland and Frances Gibb

Lord Scarman is to introduce a Bill of Rights in the House of Lords as part of a new national campaign to incorporate into domestic law the European Convention of Human Rights.

He will announce his intention in an interview on BBC Radio Four's *Law in Action* to be broadcast tonight. The private member's Bill, to be introduced later this year, is likely to receive all-party support.

Lord Scarman, a Lord of Appeal, is president of the Constitutional Reform Centre, supported by leading figures in all political parties and outside party politics, which has the central purposes of his Bill as one of its main aims. He has been an active advocate of a new Bill of Rights since outlining his ideas in his Hamlyn Lecture in 1974.

On two previous occasions the House of Lords has supported similar bills, introduced by Lord Wade, the Liberal peer. In the Commons the most recent measure of support was last May when 131 MPs signed an all-party motion. But Lord Scarman's backers believe latent support among MPs is far greater.

For any progress in the Commons the campaigners would need government time. In the radio interview Lord Scarman says that the Bill would leave the powers of Parliament and the independence of the judiciary unimpaired. "You would have developing a partnership between Parliament and the judges protecting the citizen against the power of the state."

The Bill would also "compel the executive to exercise its powers lawfully" and to recognize and comply with rights already found in English common law.

The rights which would be incorporated into English law are "the right to fair trial, the right to protection from harsh and degrading punishment, the right of free speech, the right of privacy, the right to have family life and so forth."

Among supporters of the campaign are Mr Geoffrey Rippon, QC, Conservative MP for Hexham; Sir Edward Gardner, QC, Conservative MP for Fyde; Mr Robert MacLennan, SDP member for Cathness and Sutherland; and Mr Dafydd Wigley, Plaid Cymru member for Caernarfon.

Irish family planning Bill clash erupts

From Richard Ford Dublin

A clash between church and state in the Irish Republic erupted yesterday within hours of the Dublin government publishing a Bill aimed at reforming the country's family planning laws.

The new Archbishop of Dublin, Dr Kevin McNamara, signalled that the church would lead a strong opposition to the proposals. He said the fruits of such a policy included moral decline, growing venereal disease, a sharp increase in the number of teenage pregnancies, illegitimate births and abortion.

The Bill removes the requirement that non-medical contraceptives such as sheaths and spermicides can only be obtained on prescription. It will impose a minimum age limit of 18 for the supply of such contraceptives but remove the qualification that they can only be obtained for "bona fide" family planning purposes.

Under the proposals, the number of outlets selling contraceptives will be widened to include chemists' shops, doctors' surgeries, approved health centres and hospitals providing maternity services and treatment for venereal disease.

The present legislation on contraception was introduced in 1979 by Mr Charles Haughey's government but has been widely flouted, with sheaths being sold without prescription. Since 1980, 80 million condoms have been imported into the republic, but a survey by the Department of Health and Social Welfare has revealed there are still towns where it is impossible to obtain non-medical contraceptives.

The Irish government is to impose a whip on its members in the coalition as Dr Garrett FitzGerald's administration attempts the introduction of its first significant social reform.

To minimise a long drawn out battle similar to that which engulfed the country on the constitutional amendment forbidding abortion, the government is to introduce the bill into the Dail next week, anticipating its passage into law within a matter of weeks.

However, deputies of all parties are likely to come under intense pressure from the Catholic hierarchy and laity. Two Fine Gael Members are known to be going to vote against the measure, bringing automatic expulsion from the parliamentary party. Dr FitzGerald will be anxious to avoid further defections bringing a damaging split.

Fieldhouse confirmed as defence chief



Changes at the top: Left to right: Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, Chief of the Defence Staff-designate; Major-General Derek Boorman, new head of Intelligence; Vice-Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt, Fleet C-in-C; Air-Chief Marshal Sir David Craig, to head Air Staff.

The Ministry of Defence officially announced yesterday that Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, First Sea Lord, will in November become Chief of the Defence Staff and the Government's top military adviser in November with the rank of Admiral of the Fleet.

It is one of a series of appointments which will take effect during the course of this year, affecting almost every important command in the Armed Services outside the Ministry of Defence, as well as several top-level posts inside the ministry.

Almost all the appointments were foreshadowed in *The Times* on January 19. With the retirement in November of Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, the present Chief of the Defence Staff, the top levels of the services will, for the first time, lack anyone who fought in the Second World War.

All the appointments stem from the retirement of senior officers at the end of their normal term of office. Among the appointments are: Admiral Sir William Staveley, to succeed Admiral Fieldhouse as Chief of the Naval Staff and First Sea Lord on August 2; General Sir Nigel Bagnall, to succeed General Sir John Stanier as Chief of the General Staff on July 26; and Air Chief Marshal Sir David Craig to follow Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Williamson as Chief of the Air Staff, on October 15.

Air Marshal Sir Patrick Hine, at present Commander-in-Chief, RAF Germany, will be promoted to Air Chief Marshal and become Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff on July 30. He succeeds Air Chief

Marshal Sir Peter Harding, who takes over as C-in-C, RAF Strike Command on August 29. One appointment not forecast by *The Times* is that of Major-General Derek Boorman, to be Chief of Defence Intelligence with the rank of Lieutenant-General on October 5. He will take over from Air Marshal Sir Michael Armistage, who will move to an unannounced appointment.

The other appointments are:

Royal Navy Vice-Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt, to succeed Admiral Staveley as Commander-in-Chief Fleet on June 20, being promoted to Admiral. He will, in May, hand over as Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland to Rear Admiral George Vallage, who will take the rank of Vice Admiral.

Army: Lieutenant-General Sir Martin Farsdale, to succeed General Bagnall as C-in-C British Army of the Rhine on July 1, with the rank of general. Lieutenant-General Sir James Glover to

succeed General Sir Frank Kitson as C-in-C United Kingdom Land Forces on June 1, with the rank of general. It has already been announced that Major-General Brian Kenyon is to be promoted to Lieutenant-General and to take over from General Farsdale as Commander 1st (British) Corps in Germany on May 9.

Royal Air Force Air Vice-Marshal David Parry-Jones to take over from Air Marshal Hine as C-in-C, RAF Germany on June 28, with the rank of Air Marshal.

Four held as cruise protesters regroup

By Pat Healy

Four people were arrested attempting to enter the newly fenced base at RAF Molesworth, Cambridgeshire, yesterday as the cruise protesters began regrouping in the wake of the eviction by troops and police.

Road blocks were still in force around the base for "operational needs" to ensure that military vehicles had access. The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament said that the blocks had led to mothers taking their children to school being asked to produce identification before being allowed through.

About 200 men, women and children evicted from the base during the military operation mounted by the Ministry of Defence were camping out on a hay-bay near Sandy, Bedfordshire, to which they had been escorted by police.

Supporters of the campers evicted from "Rainbow Fields Village" began a twice-daily Christian service outside the base, close to the peace chapel erected by them inside and which is surrounded by barbed wire fencing.

Whitall sources claimed that the scale of the operation to evict the nuclear protesters had been thought necessary because of fears that they had been infiltrated by potentially violent anarchists.

That was dismissed last night by Mr Bruce Kent, general secretary of CND, as a desperate attempt to find excuses for an "absurd military operation".

Five CND protesters were jailed for five months each at Southwark Crown Court in London for jamming electronic security locks with Superglue and pouring red paint over a Ministry of Defence reception area.

Atom cloud fears for air crews

By Pat Healy

Australian Lincoln bombers which flew through radioactive clouds after a British nuclear test picked up so much contamination that there was concern for the safety of air and ground crews, the Australian Royal Commission investigating the tests was told yesterday.

Mr Hubert Gale, now Radiation Protection Officer at Nottingham University and at the time the British scientist in charge of measuring radioactivity from flights through the test clouds, said air crews could tell they were in the clouds only when special instruments registered gamma radiation.

Although he had plotted entry into the clouds from readings taken from those instruments, Mr Gale said he could not be sure how long aircraft had travelled through clouds, or whether they had crossed in and out at varying heights as intended.

In his report at the time, Mr Gale described the incident as an "unexpected contamination hazard". Under questioning from Mr Peter McClellan, a barrister assisting the commission, he said he had meant it was a "problem" rather than a "danger".

When he was testing the samples, he had no protective clothing. He worked from a laboratory in Woomera, from which five flights had been made about 10 hours after the first Totem explosion.

Air crew brought in about 20 canisters simultaneously. They were registering so much radioactivity that they went off the scale of his geiger counter.

The hearing continues today.

Wary line on royal warrants

By Robin Young

Tobacco companies which hold royal warrants reacted cautiously yesterday as we are concerned we know that royal warrants are reviewed by the Lord Chamberlain's office every 10 years. Ours has been continuously reappraised, and we know no more.

Ardrath has held royal warrants for State Express since George VI awarded the first in 1946.

Dumhill's warrants, which are for smokers accessories but appear on Dumhill cigarettes made under licence by Rothmans, run back to 1921, when it received one from the Prince of Wales, since supplemented by warrants from George VI in 1938 and 1952, and the Queen in 1964.

The Tobacco Advisory Council, which represents the industry, said: "It would be inappropriate to comment on the review since the issue of warrants is exclusively the prerogative of the Palace."

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Architect of victory long marked for top

By Our Defence Correspondent

Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse has for years been recognized as someone who was going to go to the top, or very close to it.

It was the Falklands conflict of 1982 which first projected him visibly on to the national stage, and which incidentally earned for him the considerable respect of the Prime Minister. At that time, as Commander-in-Chief Fleet, he was in command from the fleet headquarters at Northwood in Middlesex, of the tri-service task force which recaptured the islands.

But well before then he had been through a series of appointments which marked him out as a man on the move. Born in Leeds in 1928, he entered the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth in 1941. He spent several years in the submarine service before going on to command a squadron of frigates, to be executive officer of the aircraft carrier, HMS Hermes, and to command the Polaris squadron.

Then followed a series of staff and high-level command appointments which led to him becoming C-in-C Fleet in 1981. With that appointment went alliance responsibilities as Allied Commander-in-Chief Channel, and Nato's Commander-in-Chief Eastern Atlantic. In 1982, shortly after the Falklands conflict, he became professional head of the Royal Navy as First Sea Lord.

He has emerged from all this as an affable man with a grin which he uses to good effect, and a wink which he readily employs as an economical and good-natured form of greeting. His general style is to oil wheels and to use minimum force in his dealings with colleagues, rather than to rush into confrontations. It is of a piece with this persona that he lists his recreations as "home, family and friends."

However, this is by no means the whole man. Even at his most genial there is visibly a sharp mind at work, which tends to make people more than usually keen to avoid saying silly things. He has a reputation for being capable of great severity, but he has been known to protect a colleague when he has felt that an error was not so much a personal one as a product of a weakness in the Navy itself.

As Chief of the Defence Staff he will have a key role in consolidating the efficient operation of the new top-level structure in the Ministry of Defence, which came into being in January.

His real test as Chief of Defence Staff may come when, as most informed observers predict will happen, the pressures on the defence budget build-up to serious proportions. Then the time may come when he has to warn the Government that the process of trimming defence expenditure to match resources is beginning to imperil the services' ability to fulfil their allotted tasks.

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On-shore oil policy attacked

The Government's policy for on-shore oil and gas exploration was criticized yesterday by Mr David Howell, former Secretary of State for Energy, and Mr Granley Onslow, Conservative MP for Woking.

Mr Howell and Mr Onslow appeared before a public inquiry into Conoco's appeal for permission to drill an exploratory borehole in wooded ground near Normandy, Surrey. The hearing is regarded as a test case of environmentalists against big business.

Small firm's big deal

By Our Technology Correspondent

The newest candidate for the British microcomputer millionaires club came into the public eye yesterday when the owner of a small unknown computer company landed a multi-million pound contract from British Telecom.

The manufacturer of the microcomputers, which will be sold for between £7,000 and £40,000, is a departure for BT. It normally uses its factories to repair equipment.

Ponting jury hears closing statements

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Civilized government cannot operate if its policymaking process is not confidential, but on the other hand civil servants could not follow confidentiality blindly, the jury trying Clive Ponting was told yesterday as counsel put their closing arguments.

Mr Bruce Laughland, QC, for Mr Ponting, who is charged with breaching the Official Secrets Act, 1911, by passing papers to an MP, told the jury if the civil servant had committed a crime they must say so.

But he told them if Mr Ponting had committed a crime: "It could be a licence for ministers to withhold information from Parliament with the same acquiescence of civil servants and infringe our liberties."

Mr Roy Amlot, prosecuting, told the jury: "Leaks are bound to undermine the government process. It does not matter what government is in power."

Both counsel told the jury that Mr Justice McCowan was directed them on the question of the Official Secrets Act. Mr Ponting's action, and the phrase in the charge "whether it was in the interests of the state his duty to communicate."

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The judge will give his summing up today.

Kinnock speaks of pit 'scars'

By Julian Haviland Political Editor

Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party, said yesterday that for the striking miners to return to work without an agreement would be for them to accept "the most bitter condition of all" after the sacrifices of the past 11 months.

During an interview on the *Jimmy Young* programme on BBC Radio 2 he said that any option other than a negotiated settlement would inflict scars on the industry for years to come. "The moment negotiations start," he added, "the prospect of a settlement and a return to work is only days away."

He understood why the idea of a return to work without an agreement had been put forward. The instinct of the South Wales miners for unity had been demonstrated, but it was better to stick out for negotiations "so that there is an established body of rules within which they can negotiate in the years to come."

Mr Kinnock was asked whether "Scargillism" was a threat to democracy. He replied that it was not because British democracy was resilient.

A High Court judge yesterday freed the £3,000 million miners' pension fund for new investment. The Vice-Chancellor, Sir Robert Megarry, ordered the appointment of five trustees to replace the five miners' leaders, headed by Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, who withdrew last year.

Sir Robert was told by Mr David Urwin, on behalf of the five coal board trustees, that the withdrawal of the NUM trustees had paralysed the funds.

The miners' leaders had refused to continue as trustees after the judge's refusal last May to indemnify them for their costs when they lost their High Court attempt to stop the funds being used for overseas investment in gas and oil.

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A preliminary study was ordered by Mr Ian Gow, Minister for Housing and Construction, last October. Ronan Point, a 22-storey block in Newham, east London, partially collapsed in a gas explosion in 1968, killing five people.

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Universities accept record number of women as trend is reversed

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Record numbers of women applying for and were accepted by universities last year, the Universities Central Council on Administration says. Altogether more people were admitted to university in 1984 compared with 1983.

The reversal in the decline in university entrance over the past few years, which was caused by government cuts, is catalogued in yesterday's report from the council. Its tone is accordingly more optimistic.

Noting that the number of students applying to British universities from overseas rose from 15,725 to 17,186, the report says that the reasons must be the extra efforts tutors are making to recruit students from abroad.

"Whatever the reasons it is an encouraging reflection on the status of the United Kingdom universities that, in spite of high fees, the number of candidates has increased."

It adds that the number of home candidates accepted provides some evidence that the universities are doing all they can to satisfy the demand for places. However, the number of applications from home candidates dropped slightly.

Dr David Harrison, chairman of the council and vice-chancellor of Exeter University, says: "Fortunately the universities were able to begin to reverse the declining trend in acceptances which began in 1981 as a result of government cuts."

"The increase of more than 2,500 candidates accepted in 1984 as compared with the previous year, giving a total of 77,431 accepted in 1984, goes part of the way, we hope, to restoring the 1980 total of over 84,000 candidates accepted."

The report shows that women form 41.3 per cent of the new undergraduates total. The numbers of students accepted for courses in engineering and technology, and in science have risen slightly, but so have those studying social, administrative and business studies and languages and literature. Numbers accepted for arts subjects have dropped.

Last year 173,674 candidates applied to British universities compared with 172,736 the year before.

School achievement affected by racism

By Diane Spencer of the Times Educational Supplement

Racism and deprivation are more important factors in West Indian under-achievement at school than IQ, the Swann committee on the education of ethnic minorities has concluded.

In the final draft of a 1,000-page report, "Education for all," (details in the Times Educational Supplement published today) the committee rejects the idea of Muslims and West Indians setting up their own schools.

"The establishment of separate schools would fail to tackle many of the underlying concerns of the communities and might exacerbate the very feelings of rejection which they are seeking to overcome."

Education authorities in multiracial areas should, however, keep some single-sex schools to encourage Muslim

parents to keep their children in mainstream education.

"Black schools cannot offer a way forward for individual West Indian pupils or for the West Indian community as a whole", the committee says. "If the recommendations of this report are acted upon, most of the concerns of the West Indian community which lie behind calls for 'black' schools will be allayed."

The committee also rejects the idea of introducing bilingual education.

Schools should offer minority languages as part of the curriculum to examination level.

A report commissioned by the committee from Professor Nicholas Mackintosh showed that IQ was not a significant cause of blacks doing badly and that Asians did not have especially high IQs.

Pupils sent home in NUT action

Children were sent home from school in Cumbria, Bolton, London and other parts of England and Wales yesterday as teachers refused to cover for absent colleagues in support of their claim for a 12.5 per cent pay rise.

The action, being taken by the National Union of Teachers, the biggest teacher's union, is still relatively minor in its effect, although that is likely to change next week.

The second biggest teacher's union, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, is having to hold back its members from taking action too. They are furious about the letters from many local authorities saying that they will be docked for any refusal to cover for absent colleagues.

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Ancient log boat takes to the air

By David Nicholson-Lord

This ancient British logboat (right), discovered by a Humberside farmer who was laying drains, was yesterday unveiled and exposed to the full force of human bacteria for the first time since the delicate work of cleaning and restoring it began.

The boat, which was hollowed whole out of a 50ft oak tree and had been buried in airless estuarine clay for about 2,000 years, was kept moist and under air tight cover at the National Maritime Museum in London during restoration, to prevent decay caused by oxygen and the bacteria and fungal spores carried by human beings.

The logboat which was found at Hasholme Hall, on Holme-on-Spalding Moor last July, is the biggest surviving in Britain, 40ft in length and up to one foot thick. It could have carried up to 37 men. Preliminary dating puts it between 500BC and 300AD, with the likelihood that it is Romano-Celtic rather than Iron Age.

Its uniqueness lies in its size, its woodwork stern - using moss for corking - and the extension to its bow, which may have displayed the "eye" symbol which is a recurrent motif in shipbuilding, according to Dr Dean McGrail, the museum's chief archaeologist, shown examining the boat.

The boat's final home will be in the city museum at Hull. Before then, it has to be dated by radio carbon techniques.

(Photograph: John Manning)



No prosecutions on Abbeystead, investigators say

By Peter Davenport

A chain of unforeseen events, design shortcomings and a well intentioned but disastrous operational initiative created "a most dreadful trap" that led to the Abbeystead water station explosion, a report said yesterday.

Fifteen people were killed, 28 were injured and the life of a village was shattered in the disaster. But there will be no criminal prosecution of any organization or disciplinary action against any individual involved, it emerged yesterday in the wake of the publication of the Health and Safety Executive report.

The 22-page document concluded that, with the benefit of hindsight, the explosion could have been avoided.

It emphasized three key factors that led to the disaster during the evening of May 23 last year. The explosion came as a group of 36 people from the Lancashire village of St Michael's on Wyre were being given a conducted tour around the Abbeystead valve house complex to allow community fears that the installation was the cause of severe winter flooding in the area.

The first factor was the unexpected build up of methane gas inside a section of the four-and-a-half-mile-long concrete-lined tunnel of the system which was used to pump water from the River Lune to the River Wyre. The gas had been carried into the system from the surrounding geological strata by water seeping through the porous tunnel lining.

The second was the unauthorized decision by middle or lower management to leave partly open an eight-inch valve, which meant that the tunnel was not kept full of water as its designers intended and that a void was created in which the gas gathered. The valve had been designed to be opened only occasionally when the system was being flushed out.

The third, and fatal, factor

was the design of the ventilation system which, for environmental reasons, had no direct outlet into the atmosphere but instead vented back into the part of the valve house where the villagers were gathered.

Mr John Rimmington, director general of the Health and Safety Executive, said at a press conference in Manchester yesterday that two of the key factors in the disaster were decisions made with the best of intentions.

The ventilation system had been built without a chimney to vent into the atmosphere so as not to spoil an area of natural beauty. The crucial decision to leave partly open the washout valve had been taken to stop the flow of discoloured water into the River Wyre.

Mr John Dempsey, north-west assistant divisional officer for Nuppe, accused the executive later of failing to "grasp the nettle" in its findings. He repeated the union's demand for a public inquiry.

Mr David Gee, the General Municipal, Boilermakers, and Allied Trades Union's national health and safety officer said that his union want the designers of Abbeystead and the water authority to be prosecuted.

Mr Rimmington said the executive had considered very carefully the question of pressing criminal charges against the designers, builders or operators of the tunnel. But the designers and builders could not reasonably be expected to have supposed that methane was likely to be a problem.

He added: "We have decided not to press charges of criminal negligence against the water authority. It is for the authority to consider the extent of its responsibility morally, humanly and civilly."

The Abbeystead Explosion (by the Health and Safety Executive, Stationery Office: £3.75).

Trial told of bugging attempt

Miss Deborah Hetherington, aged 22, a former police cadet, told the bomb trial at Manchester Crown Court yesterday that she was asked to plant a bugging device in the home of a supporter of the Libyan leader, Colonel Gaddafi.

When she disclosed details of the plan, she was told to keep socializing with the man who had asked her and, if necessary, to sleep with him. She also told of a car tour to pinpoint the homes of members of the anti-Gaddafi element.

The court was told of a Libyan, Mr Khalid Tantouch, who was said to be the "moving

spirit" with one of the accused behind a bombing conspiracy. But Mr Tantouch had left the country before one of the bombs exploded.

Four Libyan students, Mohammed Shabak, aged 25, of Dickenson Road, Longsight, Abdullslam Shanayb, age 29, of Egnout Street, Cheetham, and Khalid Mansoor and Taher Abouzzou, both aged 23, of Delaunays Road, Crubpsall, deny conspiring to cause an explosion or explosions between November 1, 1983 and March 12 last year. All except Mr Shanayb are also charged with causing an explosion on

March 11 last year, which they also deny.

Miss Hetherington said she went out socially with Mr Tantouch and met other Libyan students, including Mr Effim el Fatur, who lived in Alness Road, Whalley Range, the same road where, in March last year, a bomb destroyed a car and a second device was exploded by a bomb disposal squad. Mr el Fatur has asked her to place the bugging device in Mr Mansoor's flat. She refused.

Mr Tantouch became her boyfriend, she said.

The hearing continues today.

Knife placed after death, car bomb trial told

A knife was placed in the right hand of Mr Colyn Bedale-Taylor after he had been shot at a neighbour's house, a forensic scientist claimed yesterday at the Bristol car bomb trial.

Mr Geoffrey Robinson, from the Home Office forensic laboratory at Chepstow, Gwent, said that he came to this conclusion after examining extensive bloodstaining in the kitchen and hallway of Widden Hill Farm, Horton, near Bristol, where Mr Bedale-Taylor, aged 63, was found shot dead.

The police found a handyman's knife in his right hand, and a farmer, Graham Backhouse, aged 43, near by, bleeding from knife wounds to his face and chest.

evidence at Bristol Crown Court, on the ninth day of the trial in which Mr Backhouse has denied the attempted murder of his wife, Margaret, by placing a bomb in her car, and murdering Mr Bedale-Taylor, a retired personnel officer, by shooting him.

The Crown claims that he chose Mr Bedale-Taylor, of The Gatehouse, Horton Hill, as a scapegoat for the attempt on his wife's life, carried out to collect £100,000 life insurance.

Mr Backhouse had told the police when interviewed about the incident that Mr Bedale-Taylor had attacked him with the knife and he had shot him in self-defence, the court was told earlier this week.

The trial continues today.

Britons say it without the flowers

British Romans spend far less on flowers than their counterparts in the rest of Europe.

Although 65 per cent of women think flowers are the most romantic gift, the average Briton spends only £6 a year on flowers, compared to West Germans, who spend £25 a year, or the Swiss, who spend £29 annually.

Florists are expecting a healthy Valentine's Day with orders of more than £2 million. But market research has shown that four out of 10 Britons did not buy any flowers at all last year.

In an effort to change the situation, Interflora Ltd, an association representing nearly 60 per cent of florists in the United Kingdom, is to launch a campaign, on the slogan "More than words can say."

BBC chief goes

Mr John Howard Davies, head of BBC television's light entertainment group for the past two years, is leaving to become a Thames Television producer.

Advertising fine on lawyer

A member of the Law Society council has been fined £1,000 by the solicitors disciplinary tribunal for advertising in breach of the solicitor's practice rules.

In the first such case since the society decided to allow solicitors to advertise, Mr William Heath, council member for West London, was held to have "acted imprudently" by adver-

tising in the local press in November 1983.

Mr Heath's advertisement was of the kind later permitted by the Law Society under a change of practice rules last year. When he advertised, the society's council had agreed the change in principle.

The tribunal cleared Mr Heath of conduct unbecoming a solicitor.

Shadow over £330m BR plan

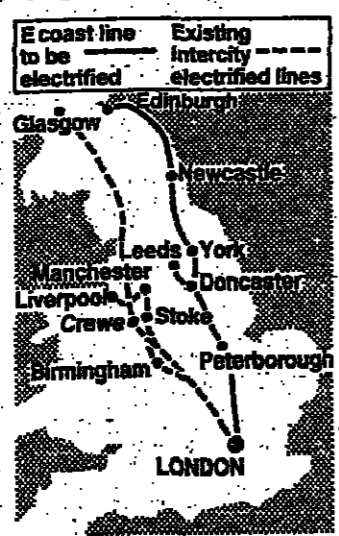
By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Britain's biggest railway investment this century, the £330 million electrification of the London to Edinburgh line, was formally launched yesterday, under the shadow of the miners' strike.

It is designed to bring improved rail services to the east coast main line (ECML), and is being financed entirely from British Rail carriages, which are seriously threatened by disruption in the coalfields.

The strike had already cost BR £250 million in lost revenue. Mr Frank Paterson, general manager of Eastern Region, said at a launching ceremony at Peterborough. Next year's cash flow would be disrupted even if the strike ended soon. That would mean a cutback in investment, although BR would do its utmost to protect this project.

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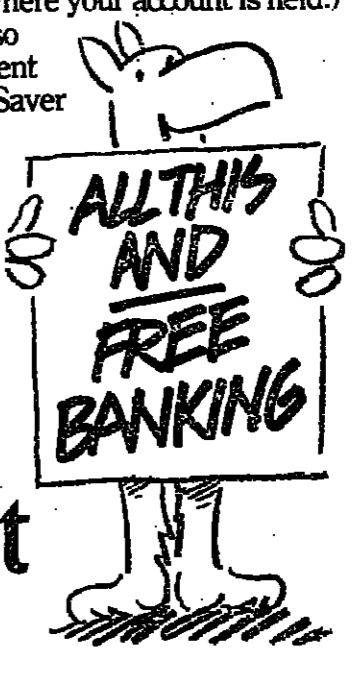
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Nacods agreement not in jeopardy

Stringent safeguards to be maintained

COAL DISPUTE

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, insisted three times in exchanges with Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Opposition, that the agreement made between the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shifters and the National Coal Board last October had not been put in jeopardy.

NUM by the NCB would effectively negate the agreement reached between Nacods and the NCB in October. Does she not understand that the whole basis of the agreement is in jeopardy because of her interference and because of the way she has sought to prolong the dispute?

Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau Gwent, Lab.) Does not Mrs Thatcher appreciate that what changed the situation last week was the issue, with her approval, by the NCB of a demand that the NUM sign a document before they came to the negotiating table?

PHONE TAPPING

The Government legislation being introduced next week to establish a comprehensive statutory framework for the interception of communications will not in any way seek or permit extension of the present scope of interception.

Hume planning to confront IRA

TERRORISM

The proposed meeting between Mr John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party and the Army Council of the IRA, would not be wise, Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said during Commons questions.

Concern about impact of higher water charges

ENVIRONMENT

Government proposals to increase the required rate of return on water authorities' assets amounted to a tax on taps, even a tax on toilets, Mr Jeffrey Rooker, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, told the Commons.

Schools ignoring religion

EDUCATION

The Government was anxious about the number of schools ignoring the requirement under the 1944 Education Act to hold religious assemblies and anyone unhappy with the local situation should complain to the school and immediately to the Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Disbandment of UDR rejected

ULSTER

A suggestion by a Labour MP that the Ulster Defence Regiment should be disbanded was rejected by Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, during Commons questions.

Asian families under attack: 1

A woman trapped at home in a prison of terror

Mrs Chantibi Khan has not left her home for more than four months. Two years ago she went out to the shops two streets away with her baby in a pram. A gang of youths attacked her, pushing the pram into the road. She has ventured out once or twice since then, but faced with abuse, spitting and stone-throwing, she has fled home.

Advanced jet promises big fuel savings

Flying start: An artist's impression of the plane, with its uplifted wing tips.

Boeing has revealed plans for a highly advanced, 150-seat airliner for the 1990s, to be powered by unducted jet fan engines with propellers. (Our industrial correspondent writes).

High school honour

Parliament today

Droghda Littlemore Days High School deserved better esteem from the House of Commons than it is constantly compared with Oxford University, Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, said to laughter during questions.

Progress of bills

Scargill looking for a scapegoat

When one side protests that it wants talks, and talks do not take place, there is a natural inclination to assume that the other side is being unreasonable. It is no case for believing that that would be a fair judgement in this case. It would be a waste of time to bring everybody together round the table so long as the NUM is resisting the very idea of closing uneconomic pits.

Geoffrey Smith

The miners' leaders want to resume negotiations with the coal board immediately. But what are now the NCB's precise terms for formal talks? One of the most curious features in all the to-and-froing over the past week is that there is still some confusion on this point.

Uncertainty over terms intended

But the uncertainty over the coal board's terms for talking cannot be simply explained by the difficulty of explaining a complex point consistently. It must be deliberate. In the Commons debate on Monday, Mr Peter Walker, more than once, claimed that he was about to remove any doubt on the matter, and then pointedly refrained from doing so.

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Compensation proposed for illegal vetting of mail and telephone calls

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

An independent tribunal will be able to award unlimited compensation to people whose letters or telephone calls have been intercepted without proper authorisation, under proposed legislation.

A White Paper yesterday, with a Bill to follow next week, includes the tribunal as one of five key proposals in a legal framework for the authorisation of interception of communications.

Other proposals are that unlawful interception will be a criminal offence; a commissioner will be appointed with powers to review continuously the way the system of interception and authorisation is working; secretaries of state will, as at present, authorise interception according to strictly defined criteria; and there will be strict rules for the renewal or cancellation of authorisation warrants and for handling intercepted material.

The present power to issue warrants is statutory. But how the tapping is done and how long a warrant lasts is controlled under administrative procedure, with strictness that the Government maintains, but has not laid down in law.

In August judges of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg criticized the law of England and Wales in intercepting communications as failing to indicate with reason-

Warrants issued

Year	Telephone calls	Letters	Total
1980	214	29	443
1981	422	48	470
1982	379	54	433
1983	372	43	415
1984	352	50	402

Year	Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary	Secretary of State for Scotland
1980	136	136
1981	201	201
1982	92	92
1983	109	109
1984	115	115

Year	Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary	Secretary of State for Scotland
1980	50	50
1981	49	49
1982	78	78
1983	71	71
1984	75	75

able clarity how public authorities should exercise their powers.

"To what extent, the minimum legal protection to which citizens are entitled under the rule of law in a democratic society is lacking", the court said.

The tribunal will consist of five legally qualified people, with power to obtain the facts. If it finds that a warrant has been improperly issued it will inform the individual and have the power to quash the authori-

zation and order the destruction of any intercepted material.

But the information it receives will not be disclosed without the consent of the person who originated the interception.

If the tribunal found that there had been no authorized interception, or none other than provided for in the legislation, it would tell the applicant merely that it had found no contravention.

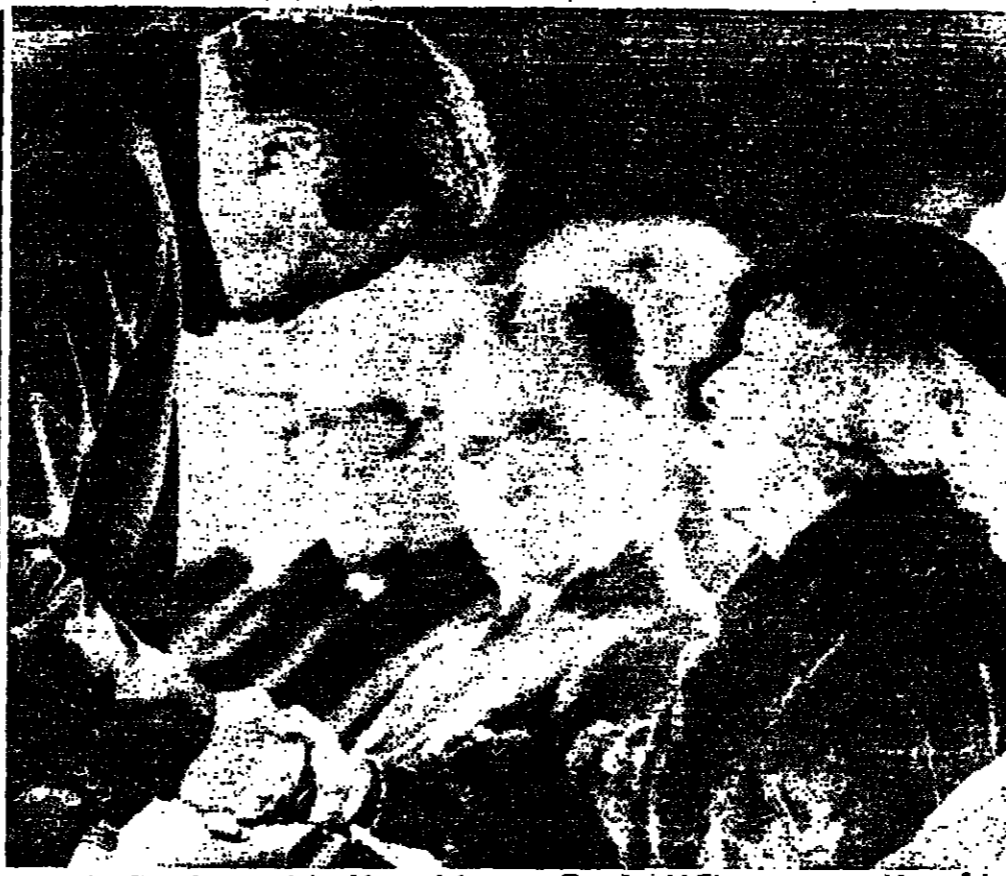
Warrants to intercept communications will be limited to a maximum of six months' validity.

The disclosure of information about the destination and duration of telephone calls, known as metering, is to be controlled by amendment to the Telecommunications Act. It will be an offence to disclose such information to anybody other than the subscriber, unless for the prevention of detection of crime; unless it is in the interests of national security; or is on the order of a court.

The new criminal offence of unlawful interception will be triable both summarily and on indictment. The maximum penalty will be a fine of £2,000, two years imprisonment, or both.

The interception of communications in the United Kingdom. (Stationery Office, Command 9438, £2.25).

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Sympathy: Herr Strauss giving his condolences to Frau Ingrid Zimmermann, widow of the assassinated industrialist, at yesterday's memorial service in Munich.

Strauss demands legal war on terror

Munich (AP) - Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the Bavarian Prime Minister, yesterday called for tougher laws to crush left-wing extremists trying to overthrow the West German state.

"How many new victims must we lament before this irresponsible talk about possible over-reaction is silenced, until long overdue corrections of laws are finally carried out", Herr Strauss said at a memorial service for Ernst Zimmermann, the late chairman of the West German MTU aircraft engine company.

Zimmermann was tied up and shot by an unidentified couple at his Munich home last Friday. The Red Army Faction claimed responsibility. Herr Strauss said Zimmermann was the fifth prominent German killed since 1974.

Drought breaks in southern Africa

Rain brings relief to three countries

From Jan Raath, Harare

Rains over nearly all of hundreds of Harare residents converged on the spillway of Lake Melwane, the capital's chief water supply. Champagne corks popped and a cheer went up as the water lapped over the spillway for the first time in more than three years.

The Mayor of Harare, Councillor Oliver Chidawu, said earlier that water rationing would be eased but not abolished. The Commercial Farmers' Union estimated that its members could produce at least a million tonnes of maize.

Peasant farmers are also expected to add significantly to the national harvest. Estimates of the sector's output are notoriously unreliable, but reports from aerial surveys describe the peasant crop in most of the country as fantastic.

Last year, the peasants surprised Agriculture Ministry officials by marketing 35 per cent of the national crop of just under a million tonnes.

In Mozambique and Angola, aid experts predict that food shortages will become more acute. Individual farmers should be able to produce a subsistence crop thanks to the rain, but guerrilla control of the countryside has all but ruled out large-scale production.

A belt of dry, hot air has shifted only briefly from over Botswana's growing areas, and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization estimates the country will have to import 185,000 tonnes of grain this year.

Charles II secret pact up for sale

The Clifford family's large archive, including papers throwing fascinating light on Charles II, is to be sold by private treaty to pay for urgent repairs to the roof of their ancestral home, Ugbrooke House, near Chudleigh in Devon.

The collection includes one of the only two copies of the Secret Treaty of Dover, which Charles II made in 1670 with the French, and which he kept secret from Parliament, and all but a handful of advisers.

In the treaty he agreed to share hegemony in Europe with Louis XIV and in return he agreed to become a Roman Catholic and work towards making Britain into a Catholic country.

Also in the collection are a great number of treasury records dating from the 1660s, when the first Lord Clifford was Chancellor of the Exchequer. The archive runs to several thousand pages and includes correspondence and many official papers. Sotheby's, which is handling the sale, will not estimate a price or say whether it already has a buyer in mind.

Singer hanged himself after studio order

Keith Jones, a singer and songwriter, aged 39, was found hanging five days after Hackney Borough Council, London, ordered his recording studio to be dismantled because of noise.

St Pancras Coroner's Court was told yesterday. The coroner, Dr Douglas Chambers, recorded a verdict of death by misadventure.

After the inquest, a fellow musician, Mr Bernard Anderson, said Mr Jones had been "shattered" by the council's order. Mr Jones, of Petherton Road, Highbury, was found hanged at the studio.

Dr Chambers called Mr Jones's death a self-induced act, but because Mr Jones had been drinking, the coroner could not be sure that he had intended suicide.

University buys site for £5.75m

Cambridge University has paid the Department of Health and Social Security £5,750,000 for the site of the old Addenbrooke's Hospital, near the centre of the city.

A university spokesman said yesterday that since the decision to build the new Addenbrooke's Hospital, it had wished to acquire the 3.75-acre site for academic and research purposes.

The site is close to a large number of university departments and colleges, and is the last major site likely to become available in the centre area.

The spokesman said that among the more urgent needs for space were those of the Biotechnology Centre, and there were other departments, particularly those involved in pre-clinical medicine, which had pressing needs for more accommodation.

Redevelopment of the site would take many years.

Pall Mall waiter had cannabis

Adrian Jones, aged 24, of Gwendor Road, West Kensington, London, a waiter at the Reform Club in Pall Mall, was yesterday given a six-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, by Bow Street magistrates after admitting possession of £700 worth of cannabis with intent to supply.

"I'm a socialist and objected to the sight of all those rich slob sitting around gorging themselves on food and drink while others starve," Jones said after an earlier court appearance.

£180,000 for crash cyclist

Miss Karen Bardwell, a cyclist whose life was wrecked when she was "mowed down" by a car, won £180,000 damages in the High Court in London yesterday.

Miss Bardwell, of Botham Road, Billerica, Essex, was 18 at the time of the accident in 1980 and will never be able to work, the court heard. The award was against Mr David Parkins, of Wickford, Essex.

Corpses case goes to trial

A Welsh Presbyterian minister was yesterday committed for trial, charged with causing criminal damage to three bodies.

The Rev Emyr Owen aged 62, of Maethlon Close, Tywyn, Gwynedd, appeared at Tywyn Magistrates' Court and was committed for trial in custody at Carmarvon Crown Court.

He is accused of causing criminal damage to three corpses awaiting burial in the custody of Bethany and Bethell chapels, Tywyn, and of Saron Chapel in the village of Abergynotwyn near by. He is also charged with leaving unburied parts of human corpses for which he was bound to provide a Christian burial.

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Hawke's switch on MX angers ministers and threatens his authority

Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, has angered at least four and possibly more of his senior ministers over his handling of the MX missile issue and may have jeopardized his authority over the Cabinet.

The four who are known to be particularly aggrieved are Mr Bill Hayden, the Foreign Minister, Mr Kim Beazley, the Defence Minister, Mr Paul Keating, the Treasurer, and Mr Mick Young, the Special Minister of State.

They believe that Mr Hawke's actions in "overriding" the decision to offer refuelling and other facilities to US aircraft monitoring the test firings of MX missiles across the Pacific left them high and dry after they had defended the controversial decision.

Mr Hayden, Mr Beazley and Mr Young had publicly and unequivocally defended the Government's action. Mr Keating wanted Mr Hawke to ride the caucus storm and stand firm. What has angered the ministers in particular is that

From Tony Duboulin, Melbourne

the Prime Minister did not keep them in the picture or consult them before switching his decision after leaving Australia last Saturday.

Mr Hayden allowed his bitterness to surface briefly on Wednesday in a comment he made in Sydney. "Well, I've spoken to the Prime Minister. He rang me yesterday morning at 5.20, which was like a cheerful early morning reminder call, and said he would open the matter up for discussion with the President of the US, and in the circumstances it would be best if Defence Minister Beazley and me as Foreign Minister had nothing further to say except to remind people that the Prime Minister made that statement."

Apart from Mr Hayden's biting remarks, no other minister has commented.

Sources in the three main Labour Party factions agreed that Mr Hawke would have won a vote in the caucus, but held firm. It was fear of a rebuff by caucus which is believed to have been the main reason for

Mr Hawke's decision to try to get the United States to allow him to withdraw the offer of assistance with the MX testing programme.

Washington has since announced that it will proceed with the tests without Australia's help.

Yesterday further trouble loomed when the Labour Party's centre-left faction, which includes Mr Hayden and several other ministers, indicated that it would use its numbers in caucus against Mr Hawke if it felt that the Prime Minister had given the Americans too many concessions.

● WELLINGTON: The US has retaliated for New Zealand's ban on a visit by its warship by calling off a tour by New Zealand MPs to US military headquarters in Hawaii (Reuter reports).

Mr Geoff Braybrooke, chairman of the parliamentary defence committee, said the decision was "a show of pique" by the US Ambassador Mr H. Munroe Browne.

Reagan seeks to play down rift with Australia

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan and Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, were at pains to present a united front yesterday in the face of obvious tensions over American testing of two MX nuclear missiles in the South Pacific.

The Administration's determination not to upset relations with Australia is sharply at odds with its continuing vehement reaction to New Zealand's refusal to allow American warships into port without assurances that they are nuclear-free.

The separate US conflicts with Australia and New Zealand have caused a crisis in the Anzus security pact, signed in 1951 by the three nations, and represent serious setbacks for American military interests in the region.

The Anzus pact is relatively informal, with no integrated military or political structure.

But its demise would constitute a serious psychological blow to Allied influence in the South Pacific. The Soviet Union has substantially increased its Pacific naval presence in recent years.

The Administration's anger towards New Zealand reflects a prevailing belief that the stance of Mr De Lange, the Labour Prime Minister, could strengthen anti-nuclear movements in Western Europe, which are trying to stop deployment of US medium-range missiles.

American officials said they had been led to believe that Mr Lange had intended to find a way to allow US ships into port without prior assurances that they had no nuclear weapons on board.

There is concern that New Zealand's action might encourage Japan, which does not allow nuclear weapons in its ports, to begin insisting on assurances

that visiting American ships are nuclear-free. It is standard US practice not to state whether any warship is carrying nuclear weapons.

The US is also keenly aware that Australia, which has a sizeable military capacity, is far more important to its strategic interests than New Zealand, which has armed forces numbering fewer than 12,700 men.

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, said bluntly that although America had great affection for the people of New Zealand, "We also remind them that those who value freedom have to be willing and prepared to defend it, and we remain solid, with Australia, ready to defend it."

American officials indicated that the United States might halt special trade and security benefits to New Zealand if American ships were not reinstated.



Warm welcome: Mr Kim, with his wife, Lee Hee Ho, greets a supporter at a hotel near Tokyo yesterday. He was stopping overnight in Japan on the last leg of his return to Seoul after two years' exile in the US.

Kim asks Seoul for fair deal

From David Watts, Seoul

A relaxed and confident Mr Kim Dae Jung called on the South Korean Government to deal with him reasonably when he returns home today after two years' exile in the United States.

Mr Kim, sworn enemy of President Chun Doo Hwan, and who was jailed for sedition in 1980 after riots in the southern city of Kwangju, was speaking in Tokyo. He will spend the night in Japan before flying to Seoul today to an uncertain welcome from the Government and people of South Korea.

It is only intervention by the US which will prevent him being taken straight to jail. Instead, he seems likely to be put under some form of house arrest.

"My intention in coming home is to seek dialogue with the people and the Government. We don't beg for

dialogue, but we don't refuse it," said Mr Kim, who plainly believes he will be allowed considerable leeway on his return.

That seems unlikely. Already his former rival for the Presidency, Mr Kim Young Sam, is under house arrest, with up to 20 supporters, not to mention 200 students who have been arrested for demonstrating in support of greater democracy.

Mr Kim promised yesterday that he had no intention of stirring up an anti-government mood when he arrives, just four days before South Korea goes to the polls for the second elections of the Chun era.

Mr Kim, who was abducted from a Tokyo hotel by the Korean Central Intelligence Agency in 1973, said he was filled with deep emotion at stepping on Japanese soil again. But he plainly had no

intention of helping Japanese police.

The police had asked him to answer questions about the case on his arrival in Japan, but Mr Kim is still bitter about the political settlement of the kidnapping concluded between the Korean and Japanese Governments three months after his forcible return to South Korea by the regime of President Park Chung Hee. Mr Kim said he was deeply disturbed that this important violation of human rights was still unresolved.

Although South Korea has announced that he will not be returned to jail on the sedition charge, Mr Kim is to be accompanied on the plane by a group of American supporters.

● HOUSE ARREST: several prominent supporters of Mr Kim were placed under house arrest yesterday (AP reports). A Protestant minister, the

Rev Moon Il Hwan, who has long been associated with Mr Kim, said: "I woke up this morning to find myself under house arrest." He was told by a policeman that he would not be allowed to leave his home even when he said he had to visit his ailing father in hospital. He received telephone calls from at least four other dissident figures reporting that they had been put under house arrest.

● KIM'S FEAR: Security was tight when Mr Kim arrived in Tokyo. Members of the American delegation accompanying him said they spotted security men from the United States, Japan and both South and North Korea on board the aircraft (Reuter reports).

On the flight from Washington, Mr Kim expressed concern over how the South Korean Government would handle his arrival in Seoul.

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Hong Kong citizens feel cheated on nationality

From David Bonavia, Hong Kong

Debate at Westminster about the future nationality of many Hong Kong citizens has evoked only subdued reaction here, as it is seen as merely cosmetic to avoid offending China's sensitivities.

Hong Kong British subjects, who have taken an oath of loyalty to the Queen, are entitled to retain British nationality after 1997, when the territory reverts to Chinese sovereignty.

Their children, however, may not acquire British nationality status, but will have to become "Citizens of Hong Kong, China," according to the agreement signed in Peking in December. China would object to Hong Kong citizens holding passports labelled "British Dependent Territory (Overseas)" as this would imply a continuing constitutional link between Britain and Hong Kong. So the debate is whether to style them "British Nationals (Overseas)" or "British Overseas Nationals".

Many Hong Kong Chinese people are bitter about the 1981 British Nationality Act, which deprived Hong Kong British citizens of the right of abode in the United Kingdom.

Most of the two million British subjects here have accepted, with their usual pragmatism, that Britain will not give them automatic right of abode because of its racial and unemployment problems.

But they feel cheated, particularly since Chinese people from the neighbouring Portuguese enclave of Macao will be able to work in Britain when Portugal joins the EEC, and students from there will qualify more easily for educational grants than Chinese students from Hong Kong.

An important preoccupation of Hong Kong British nationals is that foreign governments may not respect their status when they travel overseas.

Westmoreland guilty of delay says aide

New York (NYT) - Major General Joseph McChristian, who was chief of intelligence for General William Westmoreland in Vietnam for two years, has testified that the general acted improperly in 1967 by delaying a cable to Washington reporting higher enemy strength because it would be a political bombshell.

"It was improper not to send a strength report forward based on political considerations," General McChristian told the jury hearing General Westmoreland's \$120 million (£108 million) libel suit against the CBS broadcasting network.

General McChristian left Vietnam for another assignment shortly after the cable. He did not know what the commander had ultimately done with the data in it.

General Westmoreland testified last November that he wanted a full briefing on the new figures and eventually informed his superiors of the data. But General McChristian contradicted that testimony on a number of points, and took issue with General Westmoreland's testimony that the Vietcong's self-defence forces were

not a military threat and could not be counted accurately.

He held aloft a home-made hand grenade that he said was commonly used by the part-time, hamlet-based forces, and said they were an "integral part" of the enemy's strength.

The basis for General Westmoreland's suit was a 1982 CBS documentary, *The Uncounted Enemy: A Vietnam Deception*, that alleged a conspiracy by his command in Vietnam in 1967 to show progress in the war by underestimating North Vietnamese and Vietcong strength.

Questioned about the 1967 cable, General McChristian said it was the result of five months of analytical work on three categories of Vietcong strength - the self-defence forces, guerrillas and a political cadre.

When he handed the cable to General Westmoreland "he read it. He looked up at me and he said: 'If I send that cable to Washington, it will create a political bombshell'."

General McChristian said the commander asked no questions about the evidence or methodology supporting the cable. "He said... Leave it with me. I want to go over it."

Cuba visit considered by Vatican

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The Pope had scarcely finished his highly controversial journey to Latin America before he began talking of plans to visit the Benelux countries in the spring, followed by another look at South America which could include a stop in Cuba.

The message is clear, he has understood that there are criticisms of his travels, but insists that a mobile papacy is an essential characteristic of his reign.

He has had heavy criticism from the Italian left-wing press for his speeches and actions, particularly in Peru. His appeals to Peruvian guerrillas to renounce violence are seen as one-sided.

On his return journey, the Pope was anxious to dispel the idea, strong in much reporting of this journey, that his real aim was to destroy the hold of liberation theology on simple Latin American Catholics.

The Pope was at pains to point out that the question remained open, but insisted that liberation theology be kept free of doctrinal deviation.

Basque leader reminds Spain of independence

Madrid - The newly-elected president of the Basque Nationalist Party, Señor Jesus Inasua, pointedly reminded the rest of Spain that his party, which holds a majority in the Basque provinces, had not renounced its goal of complete independence.

"The day will come when the Spanish ambassador will place a wreath on the grave of Sabino Arana (the nineteenth-century philosopher and founder of Basque nationalism)," he said.

Madrid challenged on flight of funds abroad

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

The Opposition party has challenged legislation which restricts the transfer of funds to other countries as a Madrid investigating magistrate yesterday called in high-society figures and former senior diplomats to give evidence in a case of alleged illegal transfer of funds to Switzerland.

After the detention on Sunday of Señor Francisco Pulazon, Spain's former Consul-General in Geneva, the

Zia closes door on dialogue

From Hassan Akhtar, Islamabad

President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan has "closed the doors" on dialogue with the Opposition to concentrate on holding "bloodless" elections later this month.

He said in Lahore on Wednesday that he could not talk with the Opposition because of their continued call for a boycott of the elections. "When they are out of the game on their own, how can they be allowed to say anything one way or another?" he explained.

Elections to the National Assembly on February 25 and to the four provincial assemblies on February 28 are designed to install an Islamic system of Government. No political party is allowed to put up candidates and their activi-

ties remain suppressed under martial law.

General Zia defended a directive to the press not to publish reports about the opposition. He said the boycott call was a device to force the extension of military rule

instead of transferring power to an elected government. For this reason campaigning against the elections had been barred and people opposing the polls arrested and sentenced.

General Zia again refused to specify a firm date for ending martial law after the polls. He made it clear he would continue to wear his general's uniform as Chief of Army Staff as long as martial law continued.

He said elections in the Indo-Pakistan sub-continent led to considerable bloodshed, a tradition he would like to end.

For this reason he had imposed constraints on election campaigns - public meetings, marches and the use of megaphones are banned - although he said they might be relaxed.

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State of the Union message

Reagan brings House down

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Despite the frequent applause, the standing ovation and the rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday", President Reagan faces a tough battle with Congress for approval of some of the domestic and defence objectives he outlined in his State of the Union message on Wednesday night.

Although there was almost universal praise for the brilliance of his performance and the eloquence of his rhetoric, some congressmen felt the speech was too long on optimism and too short on reality.

Mr "Tip" O'Neill, the House Speaker, observed: "Tonight was a night of eloquent generalities. Tomorrow the President must begin to inform people of the sometimes difficult realities of the Reagan revolution."

Such a lack of enthusiasm was to be expected from a man who, as a Democrat, is one of the President's leading political opponents in Congress. But even prominent members of Mr Reagan's Republican Party had reservations.

Senator Mark Hatfield tartly commented that the President was "about to shatter accepted notions of the impossible by attempting to save the earth by militarizing space, eliminating nuclear weapons

while producing them with abandon, and assuming we will reduce the deficit in the process."

Others, however, gave the President rave reviews. "It was music to my ears," said Representative Jack Kemp, a young conservative Republican who has ambitions to pick up Mr Reagan's mantle when he steps down from the Presidency in four years time.

In terms of theatre, the President's fifth State of the Union message was his best yet. His call for "a second American revolution of hope and opportunity" undoubtedly struck a chord with many of the millions of Americans who watched him on television, even if it left some congressmen unimpressed.

His moving presentation of two "Heroes" who epitomized American values - a female

refugee from Vietnam who is now a West Point cadet and a woman who cares for the children of drug addicts in Harlem - brought a tear to many an eye.

The tone and content of his address left little doubt that Mr Reagan intends to use his personal popularity and the mandate he received last November to maintain public pressure on Congress to complete the conservative revolution he began four years ago.

Three of the priorities for congressional action which he outlined on Wednesday night were the MX missile, his so-called "Star Wars" research programme into space defence, and a resumption of covert aid to Nicaraguan rebels.

President Reagan has asked for \$4 billion (£3.6 billion) in next year's budget to build 48 additional MX missiles, argu-

ing that a strong defence was needed to bolster the US negotiating position in the forthcoming arms reduction talks with the Soviet Union.

He has asked also for £3.7 billion for the Star Wars programme, which he said was the "most hopeful possibility of the nuclear age".

The President wants to unlock \$14 billion in covert aid to the Nicaraguan "freedom fighters" which Congress has been holding back since last year. "We must not break faith with those who are risking their lives... to defy Soviet-supported aggression," he said.

Most of the domestic programmes outlined in the President's speech were already familiar, ranging from passage of a tax simplification plan to initiatives to provide "full and equal power to minorities".

His remedy for the most pressing issue of the day - the budget deficit - was simple and predictable. "The best way to reduce deficits is through growth" he said.

Aware that there are not many in Congress who share his faith in such a simplistic solution, the President was careful not to include any of the anti-congressional barbs which have characterized some of his earlier State of Union messages.

Tass denunciation

Moscow (Reuters) Tass has denounced President Reagan's address, saying its message was that the US sought superiority in arms over Moscow and would use raw force to impose its will on the world.

In the first Soviet comment on his speech, Tass noted that Mr Reagan had declared

Washington's commitment to achieve an equitable arms control agreement with the Kremlin.

But the agency added: "He did not leave any doubt, however, that his administration intends to conduct this speech from positions of strength."

How US sees the world

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

The following are extracts from President Reagan's State of the Union message delivered to a joint session of Congress on Wednesday night.

● America's world role - "... we are poised as never before to create a safer, freer, more peaceful world. Our alliances are stronger than ever. Our economy is stronger than ever. We have resumed our position as a leader of the free world - and all these together are a great force for peace."

● Defence build-up - "We must not relax our efforts to restore military strength... you know, we only have a military industrial complex until a time of danger. Then it becomes the arsenal of democracy. Spending for defence is investing in things that are priceless: peace and freedom."

● Arms control - "Since 1981, we have been committed to seeking fair and verifiable arms agreements that would lower the risk of war and reduce the size of nuclear arsenals. Now our determination to maintain

a strong defence has influenced the bargaining table. Our negotiators must be able to go to that table with the united support of the American people. All of us have no greater dream than to see the day when nuclear weapons are banned from this earth forever."

● "Star Wars" - "The Strategic Defence Initiative... is the most hopeful possibility of the nuclear age. But it is not well understood. Some say it will bring war to the heavens - but its purpose is to deter war, in the heavens and on earth. Some say the research would be expensive. Perhaps, but it could save millions of lives, indeed humanity itself. Some say if we build such a system, the Soviets will build a defence system of their own. They already have strategic defences that surpass ours."

● Aid to "Freedom fighters" - "We must not break faith with those who are risking their lives - on every continent, from Afghanistan to Nicaragua - to

defy Soviet-supported aggression and secure rights which have been ours since birth... Support for freedom fighters is self-defence."

● International trade - "I ask all our trading partners, developed and developing alike, to join us in a new round of trade negotiations to expand trade and competition, and strengthen the global economy."

● Economic growth - "... A great industrial giant is reborn. We can take pride in 25 straight months of economic growth, the strongest in 34 years; a three-year inflation average of 3.9 per cent, the lowest in 17 years; and 7.3 million new jobs in two years, with more of our citizens working than ever before."

● Deficit reduction - "The best way to reduce deficits is through economic growth. More businesses will be started, more investments made, more jobs created and more people will be on payrolls paying taxes... to move toward a balanced budget we must also

lighten Government's claim on the total economy. We must make sure our economy grows faster than growth in spending by the Federal Government."

● Taxes - "Let us move together with an historic reform of tax simplification for fairness and growth... tax simplification will be a giant step toward unleashing the tremendous pent-up power of our economy."

● Abortion - "Abortion is either the taking of human life, or it isn't - it must be stopped."

● Vision for the future - "The time has come to proceed toward a great new challenge - a second American revolution of hope and opportunity; a revolution carrying us to new heights of progress by pushing back frontiers of knowledge and space; a revolution of spirit that taps the soul of America, enabling us to summon greater strength than we have ever known; and a revolution that carries beyond our shores the golden promise of human freedom in a world at peace."



Shelter from the storm: Thai villagers using pipes as bunkers in Aranyaprathet during yesterday's fierce Vietnamese artillery barrage.

Vietnamese pound rebel base

Aranyaprathet, Thailand (AP) - Vietnamese forces yesterday appeared poised for an all-out assault on the Cambodian guerrilla fortress of Phnom Malai after two days of some of the fiercest fighting of Hanoi's 12-week offensive.

The fall of the Khmer Rouge stronghold south of this Thai border town could spell a major turning point against the Cambodian resistance in its six-year war against the Vietnamese.

But at the same time, the guerrillas said they had penetrated the provincial capital of Siem Reap, 93 miles east of Phnom Malai, killing 33 Vietnamese troops and an unspecified number of Soviet and East

European advisers. The guerrillas' clandestine radio, monitored in Bangkok, said a number of government buildings were destroyed and weapons captured in last Saturday's attack against the town, a key Vietnamese command and logistics centre for operations along the Thai-Cambodian border.

Although Khmer Rouge reports are widely believed to be exaggerated, the guerrillas' claim of having hit Siem Reap in January 1984 was subsequently confirmed in part by Western intelligence sources.

In the Phnom Malai area most of the fighting stopped before noon yesterday. Police

said the two sides were adjusting their forces after two days of intense combat in the heavily mined, jungle-covered border.

Vietnamese artillery barrages and exchanges of fire had shattered the previous night, forcing Thai villagers - mostly women and children - to evacuate their homes in at least six border villages.

"We couldn't sleep at all. The houses were shaking. I had never heard such loud noises before in my life," said a senior official of the International Red Cross who spent the night at Aranyaprathet. The Khmer Rouge, he said, had told international relief organizations it did not want aid

Sarawak tribe reveres monster

Man-eating king of crocodiles goes free

From Stephen Taylor, Singapore

The crocodiles of South-East Asia have always been feared for their size and man-eating ferocity. But in modern times, there has not been anything quite like the *Bujang Senang*.

Last September, two fishermen were at the edge of the Lupar river in Sarawak, east Malaysia, when a scaly tail flailed up from the water, stunning one of the men. His friend saw an enormous reptile emerge, seize the man and drag him screaming into the river. The "King of Crocodiles" had claimed another victim.

Sarawak's deputy police commissioner duly organized a hunt for the monster which is believed to have killed and eaten at least a dozen people. Police marksmen, professional crocodile hunters and local tribesmen patrolled the river in boats for days. Like all earlier ventures, it ended without the hunters getting even a glimpse of their supposed prey.

Others, who have joined hunts for the *Bujang Senang* include an American zoologist and a witchdoctor who claimed to be able to cast a spell which would bring the creature to the surface. That was no more successful than efforts to lure it with tape recordings of sounds emitted by other crocodiles.

Few have seen the monster and survived. Those who have say it has a white patch on its back and estimate its length at about 25 feet.

Even allowing for exaggeration, that means it is probably

considerably larger than any of its much feared African cousins. It is not generally realized that the estuarine or salt-water crocodile of South-East Asia is the most fearsome of all reptiles.

In 1823, a man-eater of almost 30ft and weighing about two tonnes, was killed on Luzon in the Philippines. The biggest in recent years was a 25ft monster harpooned in the Northern Territory of Australia in 1960.

Along the Lupar, people had been disappearing for years before officials decided in 1982 they were looking for one giant man-eater. Despite the toll, the local Iban tribe has some reservations about hunting the creature. Crocodiles are believed to have spiritual powers and it is forbidden to kill them unless in self-defence.

No such doubts afflict Jukin Bin Taping, a professional crocodile hunter from the neighbouring east Malaysian state of Sabah. Mr Jukin, who is not an Iban but a Kadazan, came forward last month claiming to have killed more than 20 crocodiles, some with his bare hands. He said he could take care of matters if he was given a rifle and boat.

The only obstacle would appear to be money. Mr Jukin says a mammoth task deserves a matching price - the equivalent of £100,000. His offer has not yet been taken up.

Italians ask for Pope plot suspect

Rome (Reuters) - Italy has asked Bulgaria to extradite a Turkish businessman, Mr Bekir Celenk, on charges of plotting to kill the Pope in 1981, judicial sources said yesterday.

Mr Celenk, who Italian investigators say financed an attempt on the Pope's life by fellow Turk Mehmet Ali Agca, is believed to be under house arrest in Sofia. Italy filed an unsuccessful request for Mr Celenk's extradition in June 1983 on charges on involvement in a gigantic arms-for-drugs racket uncovered in Trento.

The new request would involve diplomatic negotiations, as there is no extradition agreement between Italy and Bulgaria.

Agca, Mr Celenk and six others, including three Bulgarians, were committed for trial last October on charges of plotting the gun attack in St Peter's Square.

Agca is serving a life sentence in Italy for the shooting.

Mr Celenk said he was ready to go to Italy for questioning, provided his liberty was guaranteed (AFP reports).

Examining magistrate Yordan Ormankov, who is heading the Bulgarian side of the investigation into the abortive assassination, said the Bulgarian authorities were prepared to let him go to Italy.

● AGCA TRIAL: Bulgarian officials said they were thinking of staging their own trial of Agca, but did not say what he would be charged with (AP reports).

Sudan tells of border battle with rebels

Khartoum (AP) - Sudanese government troops fought southern rebels who attacked two villages near the Ethiopian border and 78 people were killed in the fighting. An official at military headquarters said.

The rebels attacked the villages of Malwal and Ajixo in the Upper Nile province with machine-guns, the spokesman said. He claimed the attack was made because the villagers, from the Nuor-tribe refused to collaborate with the rebels.

According to military headquarters, 60 rebels, 17 civilians and one soldier were killed in the battle and four soldiers and an unspecified number of civilians injured. The Sudan People's Liberation Army, opposed to the Nimeiry regime, has been fighting in the south since Spring, 1983.

Chilean police raid press

Santiago - Police raided the offices of the Chilean Press Council here and seized equipment used to print an underground newsletter which recently reported the existence of a secret cemetery at a prison camp in the north of the country.

Troops and police, backed by helicopters and armoured cars, entered two squatter camps here and arrested several people (Reuters reports).

Tokyo anger

Tokyo (AP) - Japanese right-wingers trampled on a picture of President Chernenko while the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, told a rally here attended by 1,500 people that the problem of four northern islands occupied by Russia since the end of the war was "still severe".

Polling break

Harare (AFP) - Zimbabwe's House of Assembly, the most influential of the country's two parliamentary houses, adjourned for eight months to pave the way for the first post-independence national elections, due next month.

Job confirmed

Washington - The US Senate confirmed Mr William Bennett as Secretary of Education. He won enthusiastic bipartisan support after tributes to his work, as chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities for the past three years.

Somalia offer

Mogadishu (Reuters) - President Siad Barre said Somalia was ready to normalize relations with the Soviet Union if Moscow was ready to reciprocate. Somalia tore up a 20-year friendship treaty with Moscow in 1977 when the Russians backed Ethiopia in the Ogaden conflict.

Corrupt roubles

Moscow (AFP) - Soviet motorists corrupt police by insistently offering them money or liquor to overlook traffic violations, a senior police officer said in a letter published in the *Sovetskaya Rossiya* newspaper. He said he is offered bribes of up to 10 roubles (£11) every day.

Spy swap claim

Bonn (Reuters) - The *Die Welt* newspaper said that East and West Germany had carried out a secret border spy swap involving one of East Germany's top agents, Rolf Horst Hecht, who served four years of a six-year jail sentence for espionage at an arms firm.

Finger cutter

Tehran (Reuters) - Iranian authorities are using a new machine for cutting off thieves' fingers in accordance with Islamic law, the Tehran newspaper *Kayhan* reported. It was used at the Qasr prison here on four thieves, each of whom had four fingers of his right hand removed.

Ferry strike

Calais (AP) - Seamen on the French cross-Channel car ferries of Sealink at Dunkirk, Calais and Dieppe went on strike yesterday, on the orders of the communist-led CGT union, over the future of the Dieppe-Newhaven service. British vessels are not affected.

Summit rethink

Panama City (Reuters) - A conference on peace in Central America, planned to involve the four-nation Contadora group and five other countries at summit level, has been scaled down to a foreign ministers' meeting, the Panamanian Foreign Ministry said.

Bomb surprise

Hong Kong (Reuters) - Twenty-seven people were injured when a bomb, carried by a robber, exploded in a Kowloon bank. Five people were admitted to hospital, including the robber.

50 drowned

Dhaka (AP) - At least 50 people were missing after three boats carrying more than 100 passengers sank in rough weather in the Bay of Bengal.

Search for Mengele launched

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The United States will open an investigation into the whereabouts of Josef Mengele, the Nazi war criminal known as the "angel of death" and the "butcher of Auschwitz" concentration camp.

The Attorney-General, Mr William French Smith, said: "The investigation will seek to compile all credible evidence of the current whereabouts of Mengele as well as information concerning his movements."

Mengele, wanted in West Germany and Israel for war crimes, has been accused of taking part in the murder of 400,000 Jews during the Second World War and performing hideous medical experiments on concentration camp inmates.

The US investigations will be carried out by the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigation (OSI). "We will use the effective techniques which OSI has used in the past to trace and locate Nazi war criminals," the announcement said.

Sisters of Charity in Ethiopia

Place of beatific peace eases the pain

From Paul Vallely, Addis Ababa

There are government soldiers everywhere in the jagged mountains which surround the feeding camp at Alomata, near the border between the provinces of Wollo and Tigray.

They are there to keep out the forces of the Tigray People's Liberation Front, who have made the inaccessible peaks into a fastness from which they can strike out at feeding centres like Alomata, when the Government drops its guard, and seize food to keep themselves supplied.

So strong have they become that recently they threw a ring around the nearby town of Korem, temporarily cutting it off from the capital, and seized the town and feeding centre at Lalibella for six weeks.

The road between Lalibella and the refugee camp at Kobbo, which ought to carry grain into the mountains, is still closed, and the town of Alomata is full of military vehicles and half-uniformed men with their Soviet rifles.

In the circumstances the tranquility of the Sisters of Charity feeding centre at the foot of the hills is quite remarkable. They are not a contemplative order in the strict sense of the term, but their quiet, modestly conducted activity brings a dignified serenity

to a situation which in other camps is charged with anguish and hopelessness.

Next door in the bustling food centre organized by the huge American evangelical charity World Vision, with its twin-engined planes, cheery hospitality, hyper-efficient organization and jolly Christian pop music, the atmosphere is hectic. Parents cluster around the staff for extra treatment or food, children incessantly demand attention, money or pens, and World Vision's local guards wander around trying to maintain some semblance of order.

Only yards away the nuns, several of whom have worked with Mother Teresa in India, have created a place of beatific peace, in which they care for the "hopeless cases" whom other relief organizations have turned away: the old, the lame, the blind and the dying.

Sister Vincina, who was born in southern India and walks the camp with the fluid grace of an oriental princess, has time to stop for everyone, yet few demand her attention. Most are content to follow her elegant progress only with their eyes.

A crippled man smiles and shows her with pleasure the coffee beans he is roasting; there are 15 on the tiny plate. Another comes and points to

woman standing outside the perimeter of cacti and thorns. The missionary crosses to the gate and lets her in. Later she explains that there was nothing wrong with the woman: "But she is his wife. They need to be together."

From World Vision the Ethiopian project manager enters with a small boy wrapped in a blanket. Their camp has no overnight facilities, and he asks could Sister Vincina nurse the boy until he is well enough to become a World Vision outpatient.

She smiles and places a hand upon the boy's head. She examines him and gives instructions to another nun. "He is called Tesfaye," she translates. "He is about eight years old. He has an infected throat and is badly dehydrated. He needs to be put on a drip. His father has gone off on a drip. His mother has just died."

Outside on the adjoining hill, a gigantic crowd of cloaked figures is standing patiently awaiting the dishes of food which the nuns provide in a constant stream from an hour after dawn until late in the afternoon.

This daily feeding of the nine thousand is the work of only five remarkable women.

UN commissioner makes plea for more aid

Geneva - A revised appeal for \$96.4 (£86.8 million) to meet the needs of an estimated 1,190,000 refugees in Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia and the Central African Republic until the end of the year was issued yesterday by Mr Paul Hartling, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (Alan McGregor writes).

The original appeal early in November for \$10 million, has already been revised upwards

three times. "So far the total response is about £30 million. Mr Hartling said the latest figure was set in coordination with a further appeal being launched shortly by Mr Bradford Morse, executive director of the newly-created Office for Emergency Operations in Africa. This, it is believed, will be for approximately \$1 billion for 34 million people. In all 20 African countries are afflicted by drought and conflict.

Imperial Life purchases Trident Life from General Re

The Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada, a subsidiary of the Canadian based Laurentian Group Corporation, has reached an agreement, subject to regulatory approvals, with the General Re Corporation of Connecticut to acquire ownership of Trident Life Assurance Company Ltd. and its associated company, Milldon & Company Ltd. This will create a major new grouping in the British insurance market, which will have a sales team of more than 1,100 - the third largest of its kind in the country - and more than \$550 million in funds under management.

Roger Wain, chief executive for Imperial Life in Great Britain, said: "Our objective is to be a major force in the financial services market. We will achieve this by expansion of sales, increased productivity, improved products and improved client service, all of which will lead directly to the increased profitability of the company. 1984 saw a great deal of activity in the broadening of our range of financial services. Trident will be providing us with additional resources for continuing this expansion. It is an ideal acquisition for us, offering a variety of strengths which both complement and blend with Imperial's."

Tom Fisher, chairman and chief executive for Trident Life, said: "I believe that the advantages of the acquisition to Trident's employees, policyholders, sales force and intermediaries will be many. Imperial Life has an excellent record of investment performance and is recognised throughout the industry for providing particularly high standards of training and service. The company can also now offer a varied and expanding range of additional financial services."

The acquisition of Trident follows the earlier formation by Imperial Life of Laurentian Financial Services at the end of 1983. This marked the company's entry into the broader financial services market and embraced Laurentian Investment Management, a licensed dealer in securities, and Brook Securities, a licensed deposit-taker. Furthermore, in February 1984, a new subsidiary called Imperial Life (U.K.) Limited began marketing the company's investment linked business and ended the year with \$16 million in new premiums.

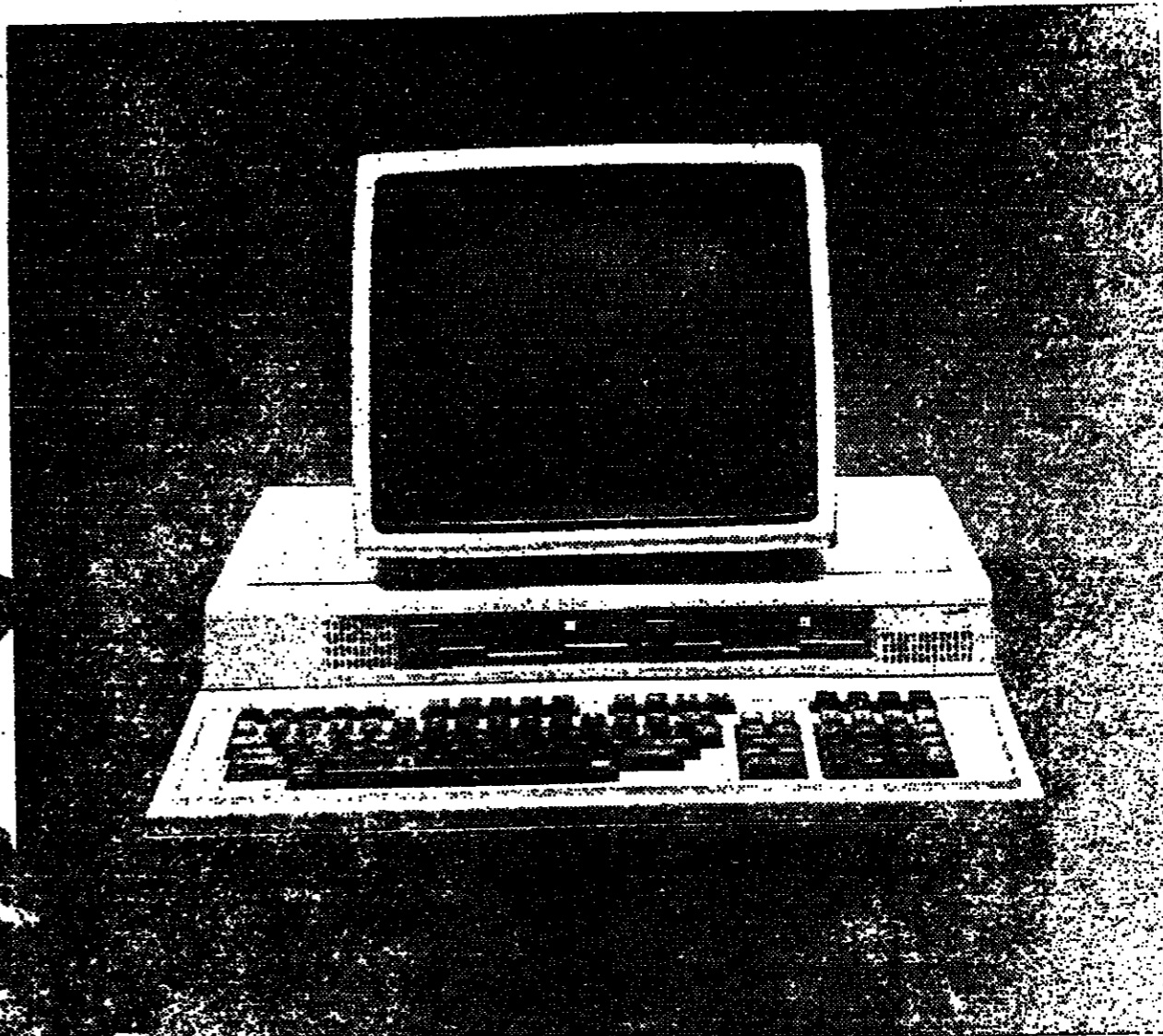
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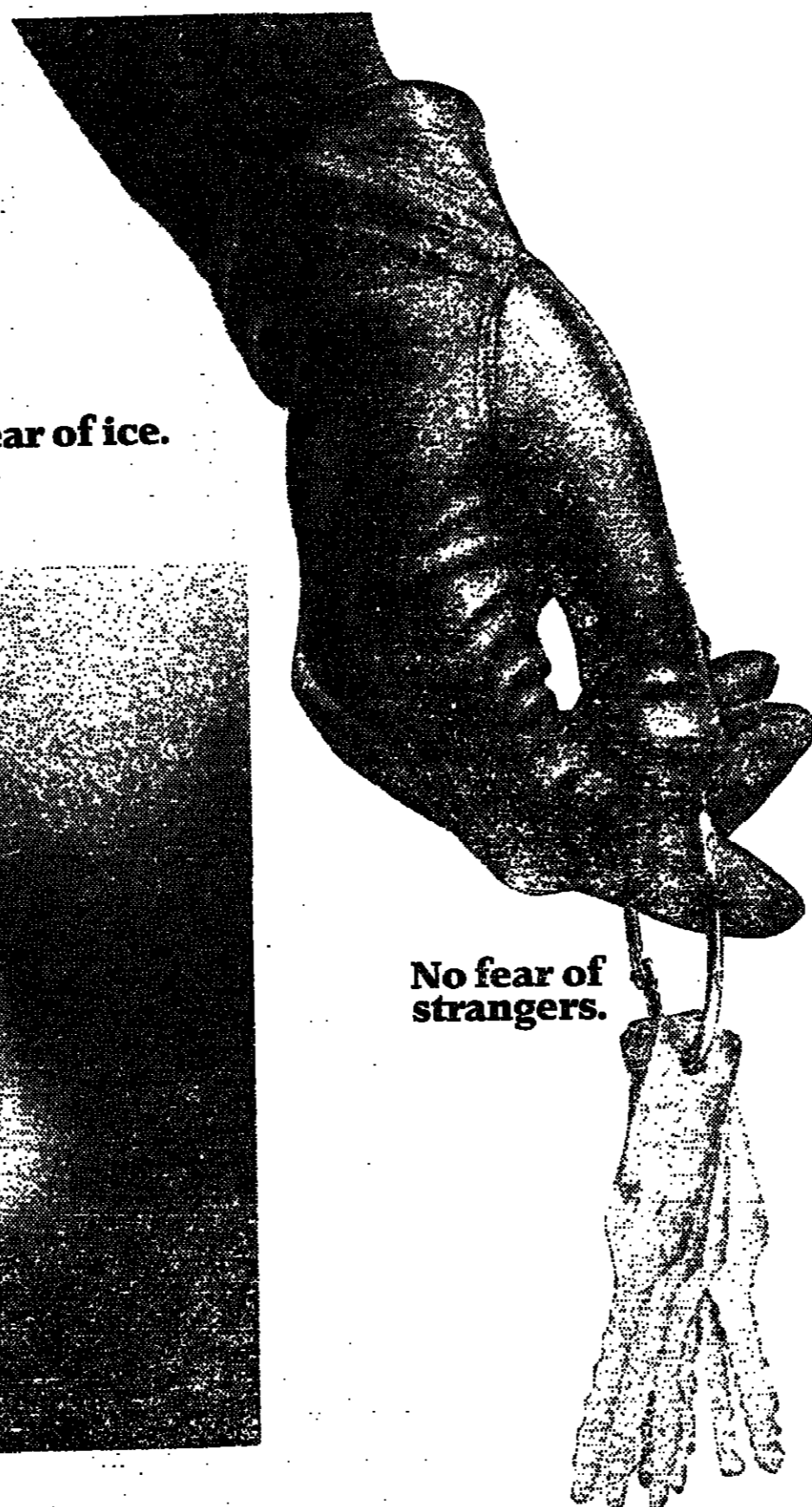


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The Popieluszko murder trial

Twin conflicts behind the bloody evidence

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The trial is over. The television nomads have left in search of startling steel production figures for the long-suffering Polish viewers...



Guilty: The four accused in the Torun courtroom (from left) Colonel Adam Pietruszka, Captain Grzegorz Piotrowski, Lieutenant Leszek Pekala and Lieutenant Waldemar Chmielewski. Below: the victim, Father Jerzy Popieluszko.

second was the Army - that is, the odd coalition of generals and publicists that make up the core of the Jaruzelski leadership - versus the internal security machine.

It was vital that the Jaruzelski Government should keep control of the proceedings, and it was remarkable after a while how closely the speeches of the prosecution and even some of the defence lawyers came to resemble the articles of the Government spokesman, Mr Jerzy Urban.



Death of a Polish patriot: Death of a Polish patriot: Death of a Polish patriot: Spectra page 14

Embarrassed Kremlin gave no details

Moscow - Until yesterday the Kremlin had maintained almost total silence on the Popieluszko trial (Richard Owen writes).

accused were security police. Diplomats said the Russians were embarrassed by the case and found "deeply abhorrent" the concept of putting secret police officers on trial.

heard about the trial via Western radio tend to agree with Tass, which in November suggested that the priest had been killed "by those who would like to use this tragedy for their own purposes - in revenge for their political defeat", an apparent reference to Solidarity.

Howe likely to raise human rights on Balkan mission

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Sir Geoffrey Howe will make a little history at the weekend when he becomes the first Foreign Secretary to set foot in Bulgaria for 100 years.

He will be in Romania on Saturday and Sunday, Bulgaria on Sunday and Monday - then in Nato Turkey until Wednesday when he returns to Britain.

The visit to Britain two months ago by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the man most likely to succeed the ailing Mr Chernenko, is still looked on by Whitehall as a considerable triumph.

Bulgaria's Turks riot over name issue

From Dassa Trevisan, Belgrade

Reports have been reaching here of ethnic riots in the Bulgarian region of Dobruja, where the Turkish minority is concentrated.

the incident. Indeed, the Turkish Foreign Ministry emphatically denied that it had protested to Sofia.

Filipino exile to return

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Another Philippines opposition leader, former Senator Raul Manglapus, will end his self-exile in the United States and return home, risking arrest on subversion and rebellion charges, supporters said yesterday.

Pretoria shift on sex laws

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

A multiracial parliament committee is to be set up in South Africa to consider the desirability of repealing laws banning marriage and sex across the colour line.

Mr Manglapus is considered a strong presidential contender and is among 11 possible candidates named by a high-level opposition group which believes President Marcos may die or resign before completing his six-year term in 1987.

Greece denies anti-US campaign led to bombing

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greece rejected Washington's claim that the bomb attack at an Athens bar which injured 60 American servicemen last week was due to anti-American feeling cultivated by the Government of Mr Andreas Papandreu.

Greek Prime Minister "demerital" to the United States. But a Greek spokesman rejected this. "Would Mr Weinberger" he asked, "accuse the governments of West Germany, Italy, France and even Germany of anti-Americanism since most attacks against US installations occur in those countries?"

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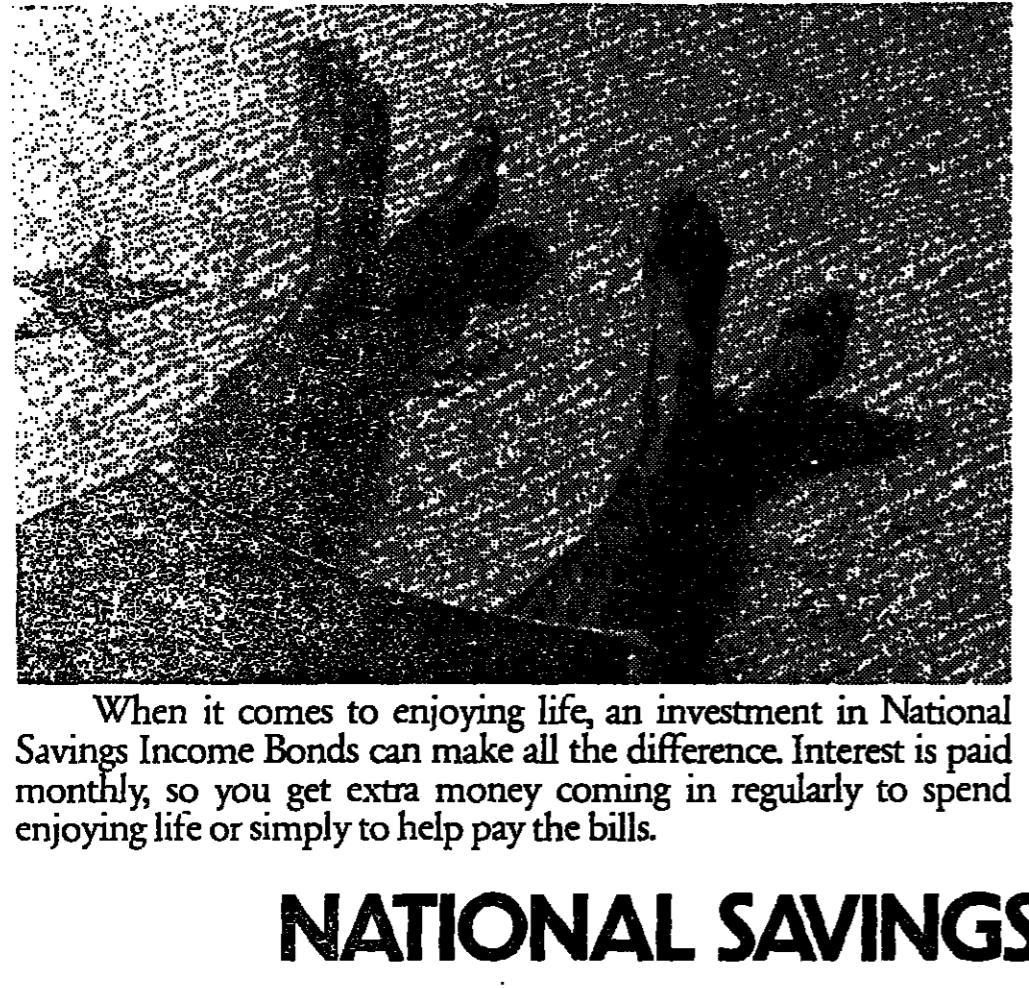
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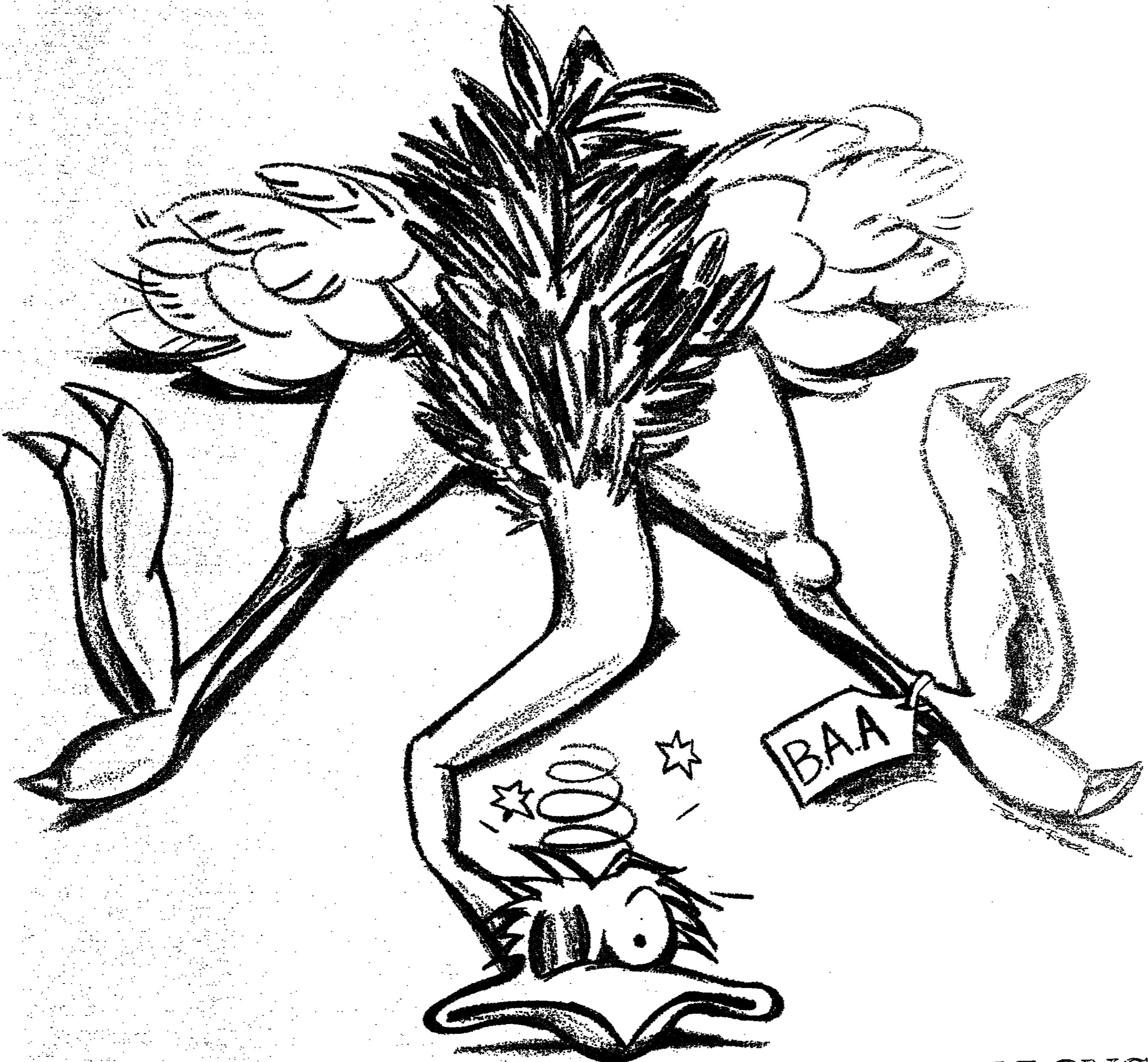
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THE ARTS

Concerts

New Japan PO/ Ozawa Barbican

Bodyworks, Trojan Women and the return of the New Japan Philharmonic after 10 years' absence: design, theatre and music-making form a "Close-up of Japan".

Volharding have an ensemble style that has clearly been a strong influence on composers writing for them, to judge from the sampling of ten pieces in this programme.

Paul Griffiths

YMSO/Blair Festival Hall

The Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra and its conductor, James Blair, began this veritable Roman orgy of a concert with a characteristic stroke of boldness.

Hilary Finch

De Volharding Bloomsbury

Nobody needs be surprised that an orchestra calling itself "Perseverance" should demonstrate an awesome staying power: the odd thing is that such a large proportion of the audience at their concert on Wednesday night showed similar patience.

Stephen Pettitt

A bizarre character, then, for whom Henze has written bizarre music, something at which, it must be said, he was rather adept in that time of political preoccupation.

Cinema

Altman's heroic enterprise

Secret Honor (15) Everyman Body Rock (15) Classic Oxford Street

Nine years ago, Robert Altman ushered in the opening credits of Buffalo Bill and the Indians with the legend "Robert Altman's Absolutely Unique and Heroic Enterprise of Inimitable Lustre".

Besides such films, Secret Honor may look a slight achievement, yet this chamber piece - there is only one character, and one set - might be claimed as Altman's most heroic enterprise to date.



Presidential paranoia: Philip Baker Hall as Richard Nixon

Body Rock plunges us headlong back into Hollywood's commercial mainstream. The title indicates which particular tide of fashion is being followed, and it takes only a few seconds for the screen to be filled with urban ragamuffins spraying New York subway trains and gyrating to thudding music.

Geoff Brown

Theatre

Dead-end street

The Lonely Road Old Vic

Since the revelation of Undiscovered Country, Arthur Schnitzler has not had much luck in the English theatre; and given the friends he has made, he has no need of enemies.

The title, to state the obvious, refers to life; and it might have been better in the plural: as each of the characters is seen taking a separate lonely road.

Poppies Drill Hall

Noel Greig's skilful play for Gay Sweatshop returns to the Drill Hall fresh cast and now directed by Philip Osment.

Any apprehension that we shall be shown rough male kisses triumphing over battle is dispelled as the gentle, witty voice of David Newlyn leads us up to Parliament Hill on an Octoberish afternoon.

he invites the two children, Joanna and Felix. Felix is, in fact, his own son and his only cause for existence since the collapse of his artistic hopes.

In Anthony Hopkins's performance, this is the riveting episode in the production. He hands Felix a portrait of his mother, averting his own eyes from it.

Irving Wardle

lives might have been otherwise and yet keep self-pity entirely out of it. Not only that: the play is continually funny.

A third couple have been on stage from the beginning, crawling under the benches and named in the programme only as Mouldy Heads.

At the end the living set off to make some sense of the future, while the aircraftman shot down while bombing Dresden, tears the petals off a Remembrance poppy.

Jeremy Kingston

KAWAI PIANOS advertisement with contact details for a piano shop.

Television

The Mistress (BBC2) began a month ago as a showcase for the youthful talents of Felicity Kendal and is now developing into one of the finest inventions to come from the pen of Carla Lane.

A great strength of the piece is that the wronged wife, beautifully played by Jane Asher, is every bit as adorable, in her sweet, sensible way, as her unknown rival.

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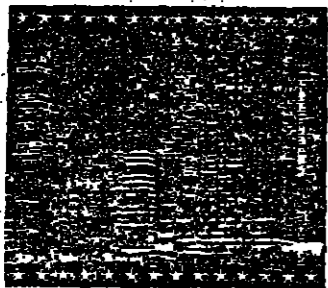
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Preppy prophet of the new pop culture



Waking up to the self destructive nature of his cocaine and club-crawling New York nightlife, Jay McInerney turned his

experiences into a bestseller. Shirley Lowe meets a reluctant new cult figure

Jay McInerney says why don't we meet at The Russian Tea Room? Surely this old familiar haunt can't have become the hot spot for fast track New Yorkers and yet here is Mr McInerney, hailed by the style-watcher as the king of uptown-downtown, the Peter York of New York, as it were, recommending it for lunch.

He turns out to be a serious-minded young man who has been misunderstood. His hugely successful first book, *Bright Lights, Big City*, the tale of a clean-cut, middle-class, uptown young man (not unlike McInerney himself) who pursues the myth of the perfect girl, the perfect moment: the perfect night through the club and drug scenes of downtown New York, is a funny, tender but scathing critique of New York values, where style is confused with substance, glamour mistaken for beauty and what you wear matters more than what you are. Alas, the "beautiful people"

philosophy, bought them for him for Christmas because she was tired of his uniform Brooks Brothers button-down shirts and navy blazers. "You're always safe in Armani," he says. The Russian Tea Room, he tells me, is very New York Hollywood. It's the place where Dustin Hoffman and his agent lunched in *Tootsie* and he wouldn't be at all surprised if the people at the next tables were television stars and executives. "We would have to have lunch here or Four Seasons, where all the publishing and media people meet," he says. McInerney is by no means immune to style and status and admits that at one time he was rather more infatuated with the club scene than he ought to have been.

"Knowing which is the right place to be in is a triumph because by the time the people from Brooklyn or Queens have found out where it is, it's no longer the right place to be," he says. "One moment it's Studio 54 and then it's Heartbreak and then it's Area."

Stockbrokers, transvestites, everyone goes to Area including Andy Warhol, still around it seems and photographing people in the urinals. The Yuppies (Young Urban Professionals) and Euro-Trash (the rich Europeans who come to New York to be seen at parties) have their own uptown places like the Surf Club where it's Beach Boys music and summer vacation decor.

"If you're Mick Jagger, or even me, you can get into these clubs free," says Jay, "but the skill is not just getting in or

People expect me to be a drug fiend and maniac

McInerney is not immune to style and status

saw it as an endorsement of their superficial way of life and elevated McInerney to be the current prophet of pop culture.

Recently three editors from *Esquire* took him out to lunch to persuade him to follow Mick Jagger around the clubs and write about it - "You know all about rock and roll," they said - most major newspapers and magazines have asked him to contribute who's-doing-what-where features and *Lammy Fair* editor, Tina Brown, invited him to write about anything he liked. He says it's all very exciting but he has no wish to be branded as a pop commentator.

"The other day a woman told me she wasn't eating sushi any more because it is no longer hip. She'd moved on to Tex-Mex cuisine. Now, what could be more basic than nutrition and yet these people eat something because it's in fashion." He shakes his head sadly over the champagne. "One can't do better than champagne mid-morning."

He looks prosperously preppy with curly hair cut neat rather than fancy, an eight-year-old Harris tweed herringbone jacket, subtle grey Armani trousers and shirt that make no startling fashion statements. His wife, Merry, a PhD candidate in



In it but not of it... Jay McInerney, stylish chronicler of New York's high life

person in the world," he says, "and then you need some more to go on feeling it and some more and you're on one of those treadmills like the white rats die on." He was brooding about whether to invite himself into the bed of a strange girl with a tattoo on her bald, New Wave head. "The sexual equivalent of fast food..." when he suddenly stopped and asked himself why he was doing it, what he was seeking, night after night? "You're not the kind of guy who would be at a place like this at this time of the morning," he thought.

The next morning, when he woke up, he wrote it down and it became the first line of his novel. Within a month he had left New York to take up a writing fellowship at Syracuse university where he met and married his wife. "All my writing started two weeks after Merry and I started living together," he says, "and if we hadn't met I'd probably be lunching with all the people who ask me to lunch, accepting invitations to the Bahamas, caught up in all that rubbish that attends notoriety."

"We live a quiet life in a rented house with an orchard out back. I write during the day, we have dinner with friends in the evening and yet people expect me to be a drug fiend and maniac. How could I have written the book if I'd spent the whole time crawling around bathroom floors looking for cocaine?" It took him six weeks to produce the first draft and his publishers were so impressed they persuaded him to become the first author to have an original novel published in paperback; they wanted him to launch their new Vintage Contemporaries softback imprint. McInerney was doubtful; a paperback is not much good for brandishing boastfully in

front of friends or future children and they don't usually get reviewed, either, but he beat the odds, picked up rave notices and has sold nearly 40,000 copies since September.

Book Club rights, foreign rights and film rights have all been sold, too. "I was working behind the counter of a liquor store when I got a phone call from my wife saying, 'Stand by Paramount are calling you,'" says Jay. In the end, MGM flew him out to Hollywood and Columbia then bought the film and asked him to write the script. They put him up in a rundown, shades of Scott Fitzgerald in the Garden of Allah sort of motel called the Chateau Marmont and when he asked them what it was like, they said, "Oh, you'll love it. John Belushi did there!" McInerney thinks that one of

For most of my life I've felt I was acting in a movie

the reasons for his book's success is that the reader has it both ways. The main character tells what it's like to get inside the door of a hot New York club and, at the same time, he's an observer making witty and moral judgments. This was not a plan-for-success policy but a reflection of Jay McInerney's own character. At the height of his club crawling days he'd be out doing the deadly substances three or four nights a week, seeking group affiliation, invariably remaining an outsider. He puts this down to having been the perennial new boy at 18 different schools before high school, as he followed his father, a paper company executive, to different offices around the world. "Every year there was a new body of lore to be

Safety first

From David Le Var, Old Buckhurst, Wiltshire, Sussex. The report in Medical Briefing (February 1) on the risks of epidural analgesia in childbirth refers to the very limited number of cases in which the two medical defence organizations have had to deal with claims arising from such complications.

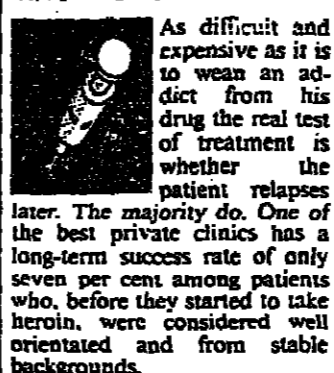
It is precisely because their experience is so limited that it is important. Every doctor belongs to one or other of these bodies, which deal with virtually all cases where negligence is alleged and compensation sought, either by defending the case or settling out of court. In the process they have access to clinical records and therefore possess what is probably a unique data bank of medical mishaps of all kinds.

TALKBACK

If this information were properly coded, computer filed and made available for analysis by research workers - which could be done without breaching the anonymity of doctor and patient - correlations might be uncovered which could be useful in pinpointing risk factors and in prevention and treatment of complications. It is to be hoped that the medical defence organizations will recognize that they have a duty to both doctors and patients in permitting controlled access to their records. With due precautions this could do nothing but good and might well reduce the drain on their funds in meeting claims on their members.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

How to 'fix' heroin



As difficult and expensive as it is to wean an addict from his drug the real test of treatment is whether the patient relapses later. The majority do. One of the best private clinics has a long-term success rate of only seven per cent among patients who, before they started to take heroin, were considered well orientated and from stable backgrounds.

A new drug, Naltrexone, offers the best hope yet that the numbers who revert to addiction after treatment can be substantially reduced. Naltrexone, to be used as an adjunct to other forms of treatment, is likely to be marketed in the United States within the next few months and has already been licensed by the American Food and Drug Administration.

It was developed by Du Pont working in conjunction with the National Institute of Drug Abuse, a joint project which was partly funded by the American Government, which has a policy of supporting pharmaceutical research when there is potential social advantage.

No injections are needed. Naltrexone, taken twice daily by mouth, acts by nullifying the pharmacological actions of heroin. Patients who take heroin after they have had Naltrexone will not experience any of the buzz they might have expected for the tablets will have blocked the euphoria and any other psychological effects which a "fix" normally induces.

Trials in America have not shown it to have any adverse side effects in the majority of patients, although it is contraindicated in those who have liver damage. Unfortunately, many addicts have had Hepatitis B and might later have abnormal liver function.

Even if it is as successful as the trials suggest, Naltrexone will not be the cure for heroin addiction but an aid for those patients who are motivated to give up the addiction. Even these will need all the psychological support they can get. American patients in the clinics where it has been tried have found that Naltrexone treatment is needed for several months before the desire for heroin is lost.

At the moment the drug is neither available, nor licensed for use, in the United Kingdom or Europe.



Getting under your skin

Edwardian gardeners of the Jekyll era were all too well aware that drugs could be absorbed through the skin; at that time nicotine was a constituent of many pesticides and nicotine poisoning comparatively common. However, not all drugs can be absorbed transdermally; they must be non-irritant to the skin and be soluble in oil and water. Even when they can be taken in this way the rate of absorption depends on the chemical formulation, the skin temperature and the thickness of the skin. It is the tough outer layer which tends to be impermeable, rather than the lower layers which have a better blood supply.

The Elan Corporation has introduced a device which allows a specific amount of the concealed drug to be given to the

patient through the skin of the wrist via a bracelet or wrist watch.

The manufacturers say the method could be particularly useful in patients who have chronic problems needing long-term treatment.

The bracelet delivers a predetermined amount of drug, such as salbutamol for the treatment of asthma, cinnarizine (Stugeron) for motion sickness, nitroglycerine for sufferers of angina, or clonidine for those with a high blood pressure.

Elan is experimenting with a nicotine-loaded bracelet, not to deliver the toxic dose which poisoned Edwardian rose growers, but to provide a carefully monitored intake which might prove helpful to those struggling to give up smoking.

Ring culture

The wearing of jewellery has always presented social problems. Conservative Party candidates were once rejected by traditional constituency associations if they did not wear their signet rings on the little finger, but one selection committee, awash with New Tories, recently rejected a man because he did.

The practised candidate has always felt safer leaving his ring at home, a decision endorsed by a report in a recent issue of the *British Medical Journal*. This concerned a bacteriological study of the skin under a ring which showed that by being ringless he may not only have improved his chances of selection but reduced the possibility of contaminating the chairman's vol-au-vent at lunch.

Microbiologists from the Central Public Health Laboratory and Whittington Hospital took cultures from the skin under the wedding rings of 50 nurses and found that 20 had colonies of pathogenic organisms.

Bacteriological tests showed that the same strains were persistently found in the same nurse, making it unlikely that the organisms were transient contaminants. It is suggested that, as they can give rise to trouble in patients, the possibility of an infection stemming from this source should be borne in mind in operating theatres or high risk wards.

Dr Thomas Stuttford

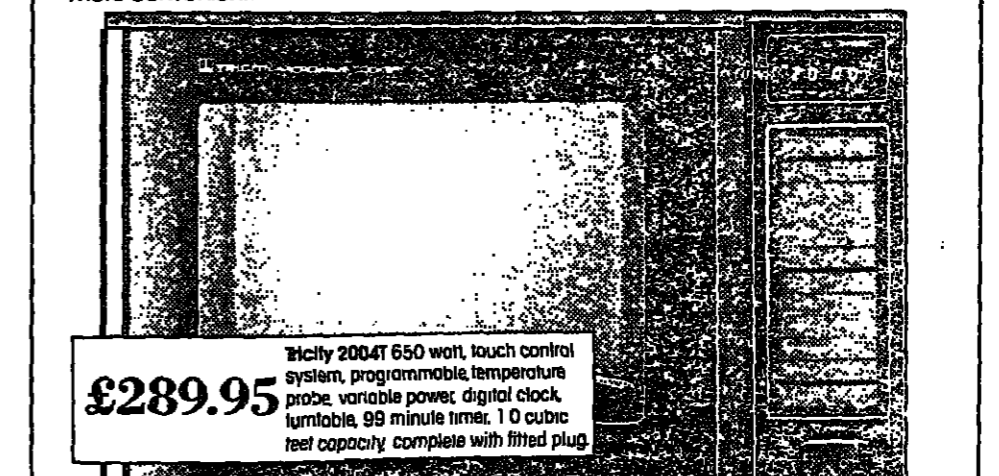
Joint action

A banker who had to hobble to work after a glass of claret and a nurse who is crippled if she eats any food containing gluten from wheat flour, are living examples that diet has an influence on the joints of some patients. Both banker and nurse have a food-sensitive arthritis, which causes chronic rheumatoid arthritis, even showing a similar blood picture. In other patients the right

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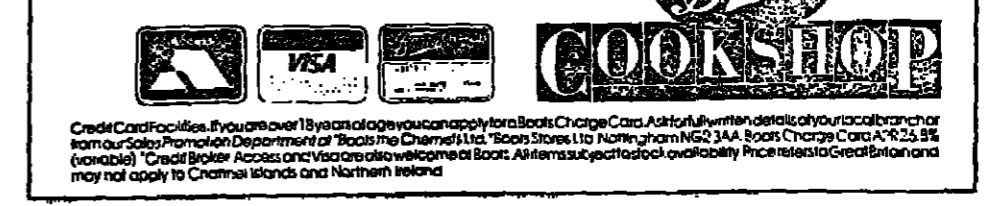
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Knocked down

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Barry Fantoni cartoon depicting a man with a sign that says 'MACGREGOR TO STAY UNTIL 1986'.

Jam on it The American astronauts who recovered the two rogue satellites...

In league How times change. On Wednesday Lord Chapple was introduced to the Lords by his friend Lord Willis...

Not their style An instant response from CND to my query yesterday about whether it will pay for damage caused to a Yorkshire radio mast by arson...

Chernenko: rumour still rife

by Richard Owen

Moscow Konstantin Chernenko, Russia's invisible president, is about to celebrate one year in power...

December 27), least of all when foreign visitors are expected in Moscow...

Chernenko does have achievements to his credit and those who warned a year ago that we should not underestimate him were not altogether wrong...

anxiety that by constantly making safe choices, in the Chernenko style, Russia is being left stranded while the rest of the world races on toward twenty-first century technology.

The young generation does not dissent from this war nostalgia, but it hopes that when the time comes the Central Committee will boldly appoint as leader a youthful and energetic figure...

Nicholas Timmins on the likely look of Fowler's badly patched quilt

Battle royal of the welfare cuts

Norman Fowler's "open" views of the social security system are surrounded by almost paranoiac secrecy...

The proposed changes, discussed in Cabinet committee for the first time on Wednesday, look less and less like a principled Beveridge-style reform...

Even then, the outcome will depend on whether Fowler wins or loses his crucial battle with the Treasury. He is fighting to prevent Nigel Lawson using the reviews to finance tax cuts which the Treasury finds so hard to deliver.

The broad shape of what is coming appears to be: Child benefit: introduction of a two-tier system which would effectively make it means-tested...

Supplementary benefit: an end to most additional weekly and one-off payments, to simplify the system. All but a few extra weekly payments for heating, diet, laundry and baths...

The swing to this roundabout of cuts would be to pay different groups of clients different rates, which in some cases would be higher than the existing basic rate of supplementary benefit.

Some extra money to help finance these changes may well come from cutting out some small but popular benefits which are costly to administer and have been devalued by inflation...



Fowler: defending



Lawson: slashing

Social Security savings from changes since 1979

Year	£million
1980/81	1,300
1981/82	1,300
1982/83	1,300
1983/84	1,300
1984/85	1,300
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Total	8,200

Plus £700m a year income from taxing some benefits from July 1982

controversially, the £10 pensioner's Christmas bonus (£110m). Young people: an end to supplementary benefit for those aged 16 and 17...

This planned change would form part of the Government's "jobs incentive" package, and may well include cutting wages for under-18s in industries covered by the Wages Council...

Housing benefit: the best-kept secret. Some simplification of a scheme that almost nobody understands is needed. But the main savings will be made by breaking the link between pensions and earnings...

of greater selectivity. The question is whether Fowler will have his budget left sufficiently intact to make even the changes he seeks.

Fowler, who has a clearer grasp than most of his Cabinet colleagues of just what the system does to underpin the lives of the millions who depend on it...

The main savings were made by breaking the link between pensions and earnings, so that pensions only rise in line with prices...

When enterprise spells trouble for Jenkin

Patrick Jenkin, the Environment Secretary, is not yet out of the GLC wood. He must soon decide whether to allow the council to commit another £20 million to its controversial and mildly subversive brainchild, the Greater London Enterprise Board...

The board was set up three years ago in the full flush of the Livingstone GLC's left-wing enthusiasm. Its interventionist approach, allied to such objectives as co-operatives, workers' involvement and training for ethnic minorities and women...

board should be allowed enough time to prove itself. As Livingstone pointed out last Monday at a meeting with Kenneth Baker, the DOE minister in charge of local government, £40 million of the £100 million invested to date in GLEB projects has come from private sources...

The money has been invested in companies ranging from medium-sized manufacturers, particularly in engineering, to one-man businesses binding books or making musical instruments...

of the GLC in motion was that of sanctioning every expenditure over £500 made by the GLC for the rest of its life under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

It therefore, the Government accepts that the GLEB should survive, at what level will be funded - and by whom - for the next few years?

would not fit easily under rate-capping. One suggestion, floated in the White Paper on GLC abolition, is that individual boroughs be empowered to raise a special rate.

Both the GLEB and the GLC have assiduously exploited Baker's interest in new technology, to which the board has devoted much time and money...

Yalta: time to face the realities

The fortieth anniversary which setled the Yalta conference which settled the post-war fate of Europe was bonned, I suppose, to be a field day for ideologists. In the United States...

These facts do not excuse some errors of self-deception and gratuitous appeasement made by the American and British leaders - particularly the handing over to the Russians of prisoners whose fate they knew was thereby sealed...

The "suitable interpretation" in question comes in two main parts. First, it is said that Roosevelt and Churchill behaved with almost criminal weakness and gullibility towards Stalin...

There is no space here to discuss these proposals in detail. Some things, however, stick out a mile. One is that whatever may be thought, or proved, about Roosevelt's fatuous belief in his own ability to "handle" Stalin in 1944 and 1945...

Another important point is that even if Roosevelt had not been so deluded, that would not have made much difference to the outcome, which was determined mainly by the underlying facts of the situation.

Philip Howard

And nothing but the truth (well, now)

It is a continual surprise to peacock and perky journal to discover again how much the world outside is fascinated by, dislikes and distrusts their inky trade.

After the ghastliness of the set speech was over, there were questions and a thoughtful youth rose at the back of the hall and asked: "Do you and your colleagues tell the truth?"

When you come on to more complex events than speeches, the truth is even more slippery. Thucydides wrote a great account of the causes and course of the Peloponnesian War. It expressed unforgettably a great part of the truth...

Reporters are seldom affected by their private opinions when working. But they do like to get their bits in the paper, preferably as long as a page as of the Splash.

Michael Prest

YOUR OWN BUSINESS

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS

Prince Charles on his Duchy of Cornwall estates has one of the largest schemes in the country for creating workshops and thus small-business jobs by converting derelict agricultural buildings.

The royal plan for rural jobs

development programme. More than 40 buildings are being converted, with an early possibility of 100 new jobs. The Prince said the aim was to produce at least 200 jobs overall in the next two to three years.

textile tools preparation, furniture-making - oyster farming, cheese-making - and electronic music sales.

Tenancies of the Duchy workshops are normally offered on an annual basis and renewable. Rents vary between about £1 and £2.50 a square foot, depending on the location and other variable factors.

Contact: The Duchy has been working on development with the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas (CSIRA) and inquiries on workshop tenancies should first go to the council at 141 Castle Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3PT; phone (0722) 336255.

The Duchy was not the first big estate operation to create workshops through conversion but over several years, prompted by Prince Charles, it has put together an extensive

Happy days are here... soon?

More evidence that small businesses can expect better times comes with the latest survey of the sector this week by the Confederation of British Industry. Output has risen at a faster rate than was expected in the last CBI survey, carried out three months ago, and the improvement is expected to be sustained.

Order books also are healthy and will continue to improve, says the survey. There is particular optimism about exports, helped by sterling's lower value against various currencies.

are encouraging and it is particularly good to see small businesses as the highest growth area for employment." But he sounded a warning about the effect of high interest rates.

Mr Stote said: "Small firms are particularly vulnerable to high-interest rates and this, together with the potentially damaging proposals to lessen capital allowances, could severely hinder small businesses' investment intentions. Interest rates must come down as soon as conditions permit if small firms are to continue to provide new jobs."

The CBI survey is among 781 small manufacturing companies. A balance is struck between positive and negative expectations. On unit costs 37 per cent on balance reported increases, with 46 per cent looking for further increases in the next four months.

Alan Stote, chairman of the CBI's smaller firms council, said: "The results



Alan Stote: Encouraging results

At last, a guide to investment funds

BRIEFING

An extensive 1985 guide to Business Expansion Scheme funds is just out from John Harrison of Investment and Tax Planning Services. It covers not only the approved BES funds but the so-called non-approved schemes which work on a more flexible and usually open-ended basis.

The guide, aimed primarily at informing potential investors but useful to others in the field including small businesses seeking investment backing, costs £4. Subscribers get a regular updating service for the year.

Contact: Investment and Tax Planning Services, 7 Regal Lane, London NW1 7TH; phone (01) 267 0133.

Secondment to an enterprise agency dealing with small businesses is part of a new scheme leading to the much sought-after masters degree in Business Administration (MBA). Already 10 household-name companies are keen to put their young potential high flyers into the scheme, which

will operate in the London travel-to-work area. The idea will probably spread soon to other parts of the country.

The London scheme is being launched at the beginning of May by Business in the Community (BIC) and the City University Business School. While on a year's secondment to an enterprise agency, involving practical business-administration experience, those accepted for the scheme will also take a specially formulated management development diploma course at the City University. This will then entitle those in the scheme, when they return to their sponsoring companies, to go on to a year's part-time studies for an MBA degree.

Christopher Norman-Butler, a BIC director who is a secondment from Barclays Bank, said: "If the scheme succeeds in London I expect it to be replicated elsewhere around the country at other university business schools. Durham and Glasgow universities have already shown great interest."

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Can technology cure the Third World's ills?

With 15 years to go, governments and health ministers and, far more, the doctors, nurses and medical auxiliaries at the sharp end, will be stretched to achieve the World Health Organization's aim of health for all by the year 2000. It is an aim that few in medicine and health care can regard as anything other than symbolic.

Yet countries of the developing world are striving to meet it. Although some companies which export health care have had doubts about the value of attending the large and highly regarded Arab Health Exhibition year after year, the exhibition is now an established feature of international trade in health care.

That it continues to draw thousands of visitors, enabling medical and nursing personnel from many countries to compare and to buy new equipment and products, shows that a determined endeavour to tackle the health problems of the developing world is probably higher on the agenda than ever before. It is a field in which Britain's effort, concerted by the British Health-Care Export Council, is notable for its range and expertise.

The health problems that afflict the Third World are as daunting as any in history. They affect hundreds of millions of people. Some 600 million have the six most damaging and debilitating diseases - malaria, schistosomiasis, filariasis, trypsinosis, leishmaniasis and leprosy - and many more are at risk. Poliomyelitis, typhoid and cholera are widespread, as is tuberculosis. Moreover, data published in 1984 by Unicef, in its report *The State of the World's Children*, shows that death and disease occur mainly among the very young.

Babies born in developing countries can expect to live 20 years fewer than those born in industrial societies. In some countries, one baby in three dies before the age of five. The main causes are malnutrition and diarrhoea, respiratory infections, measles and tetanus.

These patterns of disease closely parallel those that prevailed until the turn of the last century in what are now the

developed countries - grounds for modest optimism that by the 21st century there can be similar progress in the Third World.

In countries like Britain, where age prolongation and life enhancement have become medical commonplaces, it is now clear, and often painfully so, that the demand for health care is potentially infinite. So are its costs. Need inevitably outstrips available resources. How, then, can the developing countries possibly attain health without wealth?

It is far from being a simple matter of donating or exporting facilities to them. A clue to the answer comes from Dr Halftan Mahler, director general of the World Health Organization: "Health and development converge and contribute to each other instead of health being considered as a mere consumer of resources and development as economic growth alone".

The key lies in bringing the most useful parts to bear on the people who need it

That was the experience of Britain and other developed nations: it was not chemotherapy which vanquished cholera, leprosy, tuberculosis or malaria in Europe and North America but hygiene, better housing, nutrition, technology in the form of sewers, and the draining of marshes. All these were the products of growing economies: even comparatively low economic growth can give favourable social and political circumstances bringing significant improvement in health.

But that is not the whole answer. Again, Dr Mahler has defined the issue. Health technology, he has said, falls into three main types - fundamental, palliative and placebo. But too often the technology is bought because it merely impresses the purchaser or is chosen by professionals trained in highly advanced western hospitals and whose objectives do not well accord with the needs of the societies they serve.

"Most countries that set essential care for all as their urgent health goal will have to restrict themselves to fundamental health technology that provides solutions without frills."

It is now widely understood that the developing countries do not need to wait for centuries, as Europe did, for socio-economic development of a relatively high order to change their patterns of disease. They can achieve health without wealth.

The key lies in what is now the fashionable phrase in Third World health care: appropriate technology. That means bringing the most useful parts of knowledge to bear on the people who need it.

In the shanty towns of southern Africa or South America, for instance, there is no place for computerized tomographic equipment. Nor is there much room in countries like Bangladesh, Somalia or even Brazil for relatively extravagant hospital-based care carried out by over-trained professionals whose ideas and techniques, in any event, can be woefully baffling and even culturally unacceptable to patients.

Techniques and equipment that are appropriate are not second best. They are the best for the purpose. Nor do they exclude the appropriate use of sophisticated health technology, such as solar-powered refrigeration or the silver swaddler, whereby babies of low birth weight - a main indicator of malnutrition and all that stems from it - can be brought to neo-natal units.

Nor, as these examples illustrate, need advanced technology be expensive. In the southern Indian state of Kerala and in Sri Lanka health indices have improved more rapidly than in early industrial societies.

If the WHO objective is to become anywhere near reality, the areas in which the major thrust of health care will have to go in the coming years are community services, communication with communities and developing suitable new medical techniques.

In Asia, particularly, with China's barefoot doctors and similar auxiliaries in Bangladesh and parts of India, health



Patient under treatment in a hyperbaric oxygen unit at King Faisal Medical City, Riyadh

One of the specialist hospitals in King Faisal Medical City

aides trained in little more than basics can do a great deal. They can teach illiterate people the fundamentals of hygiene, self-care, contraception and other such essentials.

Professor Sam Shuster of the University of Newcastle said recently that he was in clinical science because he liked it, a better reason than a desire to do good. "Health is best maintained by people who are interested in disease: hard answers to disease do not arise from soft feelings about sick people."

The lay analogue of that has been put by another Newcastle professor, J. K. G. Webb, in a lecture last year at Green College, Oxford. "The most successful health programmes are those that communities feel to be their own. At the individual level, too, full under-

Immunization can conquer many killer diseases, and it is cheap and simpler

standing is now seen as the goal.

Medical technique, finally, can have immense impact. Oral rehydration, using nothing more than salt and sugar, can cope with cholera. Monitoring growth by regular weighing is a most effective way of preventing malnutrition - a pity, and puzzling, in this context that misconceived attacks on the marketing of artificial foods to

supplement (not supplant) breast milk continue with WHO encouragement.

Immunization can conquer many killer diseases, such as diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis and measles. Although it needs to be done by professionals, it is cheap and is becoming simpler to employ. The eradication of smallpox shows what can be done.

It would be wrong, therefore, to regard more and more health exporting to developing countries as a magic curative wand. To think of it as a panacea would be a disservice to all involved. But it has a vital role to play in consolidating and furthering basic advance - an inspiring opportunity for those who work in this most challenging field.

David Loshak

A hard sell for healthy exports

Despite official help that can be given by trade associations and government agencies like the British Overseas Trade Board (BOTB) and the Export Credit Guarantee Department (ECGD), virtually everybody who sells abroad will say that in the end it is up to the individual company to sell its own products, not only by getting the trade terms right, but also establishing personal relations with the customer.

The value of health care exports - more than £1 billion of pharmaceuticals and £600 million a year of medical equipment - are a major part of British exports.

Not surprisingly the operators in these fields have got together in one of those co-operative trade associations which are so much a feature of British commercial life: in their case the British Health-Care Export Council (BHEC).

The 250 members do everything from manufacturing X-ray-detectable swabs to making disposable tongue depressors, from providing full management services for hospitals to arranging air-freighted regular supplies of blood plasma to far-flung clinics.

Working closely with the BOTB they have organized exhibitions of the latest British medical technology in China and Libya and more recently arranged a travelling exhibition in France of British equipment designed to help the disabled and handicapped.

The Government, through the BOTB, can help smaller companies break into the export market with financial help for those wanting to take part in overseas exhibitions and trade fairs.

Until now this has been available to all, but under possible government spending cuts may be restricted to first-time or second-time exhibitors. The BHEC under its Director-General, David Pollington, is fighting any such proposal because it could penalize long-standing exhibitors, who are already successful exporters.

The BHEC holds workshops to identify promising markets and export opportunities and provides an information programme to help members discover new opportunities.

But in the end it is up to individual companies. Those with long-established and well-maintained overseas networks of agents and representation

inevitably do well. The pharmaceuticals industry is highly export-orientated. The KCI pharmaceuticals division, for example, sold 86 per cent of its production overseas in 1983, winning the Queen's Award for Export Achievement for the ninth time.

That size is not necessary to succeed in the medical export field is illustrated by a small firm run by Dr Waddah Barghouti and Dr Fayed Dajani, two British-qualified Palestinian doctors. Interest has five employees and sells British medical equipment in the Middle East.

Dr Barghouti started his business by accident in his first year as a medical student. He was constantly being asked by medical colleagues in the Middle East if he could get them particular items of British medical equipment. After qualifying, the inquiries continued and he decided to go into the business full-time.

He teamed up with Dr Dajani, who travels widely in the Middle East and both men stress the need for personal contact. "We have a terrible telephone bill - more than £2,000 a quarter," Dr Dajani said.

Firms are pinning their hopes on the Far East

The largest single country market for British medical exports is the United States, though EEC countries as a whole buy more.

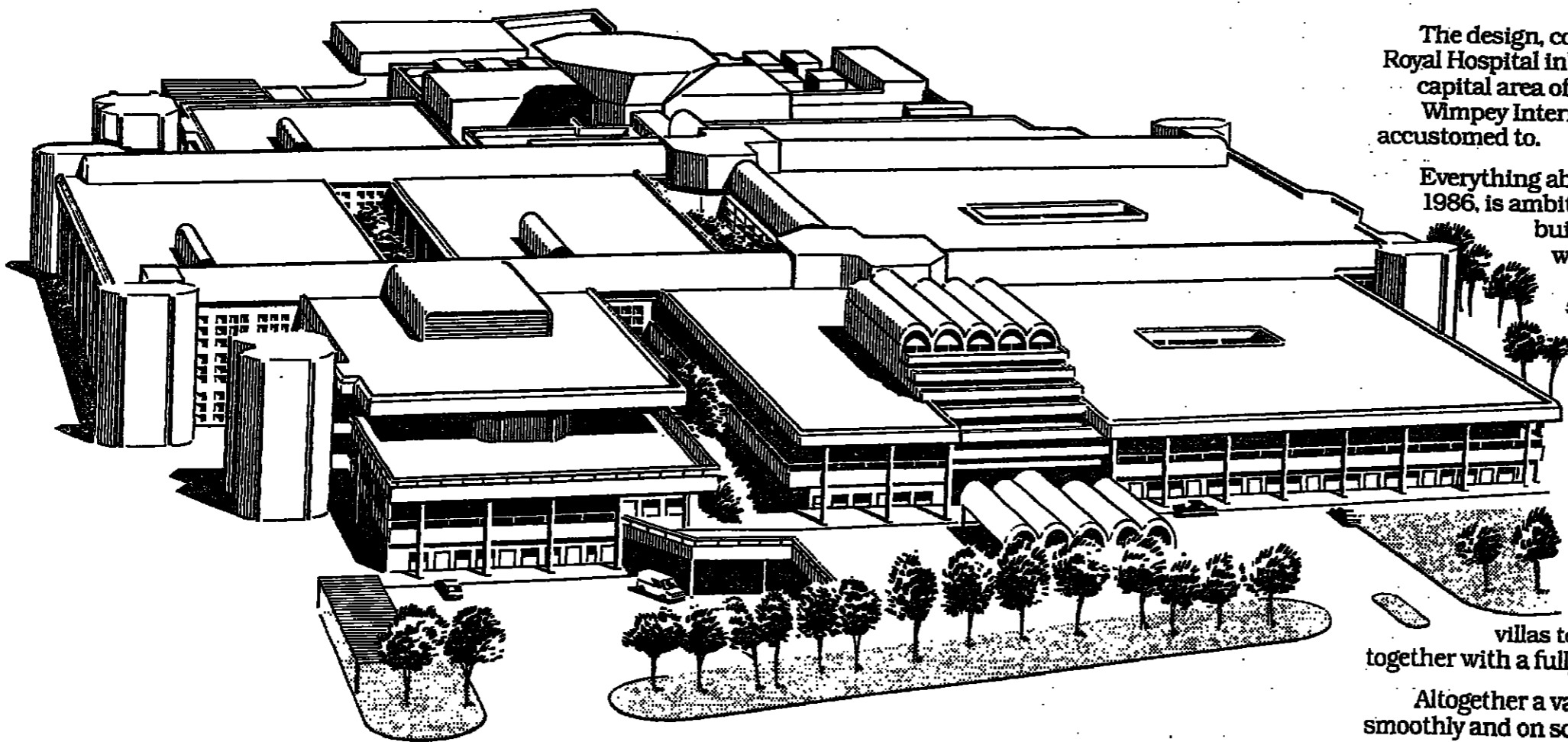
For the future, many exporters are pinning their hopes on the Far East. China and Indonesia, with their huge populations, are particularly singled out.

Despite Britain's present success there are bound to be problems. An increasing number of the more developed "underdeveloped" countries have launched or are launching their own pharmaceutical industries to which they are granting tariff protection.

Far Eastern manufacturers are producing terms for disposable medical items that British and European manufacturers cannot match and some surprising new competitors are appearing in the market for medical equipment, notably Brazil.

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Western Sunset to extend Forster's run

Tim Forster's Letcombe Basset stable has been in such fine form recently that I am confident Western Sunset will win the Thatcham Handicap Chase at Newbury today, even though his weight includes a 7lb penalty for that victory at Sandown last Saturday.



Coral Delight (right) leads Stars and Stripes, the eventual winner, over the final flight at Wincanton yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Half Free a Gold Cup possible

Sheik Abu Khamsin's Half Free, who returned from injury with the smoothest of successes in the Wincanton Challenge Cup yesterday, could take on Burrough Hill in the Cheltenham Gold Cup next month if underfoot conditions are right.

Sheer Gold heads for Cheltenham

Sheer Gold staged a performance with Cheltenham written all over it when winning the Sidney Banks Memorial Novices' Hurdle at Huntingdon yesterday.

Hamilton dismissed by club he saved

Tranmere Rovers have dismissed Bryan Hamilton, their manager for the past four years. A brief club statement said: "Mr Hamilton has been relieved of his duties. There is no further comment."

United help Pennington Telford's preparation last word

Manchester United are helping Telford United in the Gola League club's preparations for their fifth round FA Cup tie at Everton next Wednesday.

NEWBURY

GOING: good to soft (chase course); soft (hurdles)
Total Double: 2.30, 3.30, Treble: 2.00, 3.0, 4.0.
1.30 ALDERMASTON NOVICE CHASE (22:25; 2m 160 yd) (10 runners)

Wincanton results

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GOING: good to soft
1.45 OLD TOLL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (25:05; 2m 60 yd) (10 runners)

Newbury selections

1.30 Admiral's Cup, 2.30 WESTERN SUNSET (nap), 2.30 Wing And A Prayer, 3.30 Green Bramble, 3.30 Deep-Trouble, 4.0 Afzal.

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2.45 MALDEN TIMBER NOVICE HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,407; 2m 25)
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3.0 WING AND A PRAYER (Grade II; 4-y-o; 24.66; 2m 100 yd) (7)
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1.30 (2m 11 ch) BURGLINDY STAR (C) (B) (P) (M) (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) (S) (T) (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)

Sedgefield

GOING: good
1.30 WOLFSINGHAM NOVICE HURDLE (E508; 2m 4) (18 runners)

3.0 HURDLE HANDICAP CHASE

3.0 HURDLE HANDICAP CHASE (E3,184; 3m) (9)
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3.0 MALDEN TIMBER NOVICE HURDLE

3.0 MALDEN TIMBER NOVICE HURDLE (QUALIFIER): £2,206; 2m 100 yd (21)
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Sedgefield selections

1.30 Mr Heath, 2.0 Press Gang, 2.30 Strawhill, 3.0 On Leave, 3.30 Miami Holiday, 4.0 Amber Heights.

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Course specialists

NEWBURY
TRAINERS: F Winter 59 winners from 218 runners, 27.5%; G Nicholson 35 winners from 214 runners, 23.5%; J Franks 51 winners from 214 runners, 23.5%; H Winter 35 winners from 181 runners, 19.3%; J O'Neil 27 winners from 147 runners, 18.3%.

Mizuno's block cracks Capital

The three-way title team between Speedwell, Mizuno and Capital City Spikers is making the British National League a much more exciting affair than in previous years.

United help Pennington Telford's preparation last word

Manchester United are helping Telford United in the Gola League club's preparations for their fifth round FA Cup tie at Everton next Wednesday.

Neal's problem

John Neal, the Chelsea manager, has a problem in attack to solve as he looks to lead the club to the semi-finals of the Sunday League next Wednesday.

Wednesday's results

MILK CUP: First round, second replay. 2.30 (Northern section): First round, first leg. 2.30 (Southern section): First round, first leg.

HOCKEY

Whitaker in line for England coaching post

The Hockey Association management committee have recommended that a professional should be appointed to give England the best possible chance of winning a world cup medal in London in 1986.

SNOW REPORT

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VOLLEYBALL

In the women's first division, rivals might be forgiven for wondering at what has happened to Hillingdon. They actually dropped a set, their first this season, to Britannia, B&R, realistically, Ascombe stand between them and another title; they meet for the first time on Sunday.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast Time Frank Bough and Nick Ross. News from Debbie... 6.55 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen...

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen... 6.25 Thames news headlines 6.30 For Schools: Creatures that live to a pond 9.47 Coping with an influenza epidemic 10.05 Why we need pensions, rest and sleep 10.28 German family on holiday in Austria...

BBC 2

8.00 Ceefax. 8.30 Daytime on Two: Science - The Periodic Table. 8.35 Activity at a fair ground. 10.15 Maths; mirror images. 10.38 The use of advertising putting across a message... 12.05 Microcomputers and graphics. 12.30 Safety first advice for the young motorcyclist...

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Master Bodge. The fourth round of the international bridge tournament in which top players change partners after each round... 3.00 The Year of the Ferns. Part four of the drama and the British have been thrown out of Castebar... 4.00 Built in Britain. Part four of the series on Britain's tumbled architectural heritage...

CHOICE

As he is doing it on his homeground, California, no-one could sensibly object to the street entertainer juggling with a fully-functioning chainsaw at the start of tonight's film in THE NEW PACIFIC SERIES (BBC 2, 9.30). Every nation is entitled to its own brand of eccentricity. But it is a different matter when, like it or not, oddball national traits are foisted on the rest of the world...

Radio 4

The Way Show presents Snogged Across the Borders. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Pick of the Week. TV and radio extracts with Margaret Howard... 8.20 Last in Action. Joshua Rosenberg with some issues thrown up by the courts and by Parliament...

Radio 2

On medium wave, also VHF stereo. News on the half hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00am Adnan John 7.00 Mike Read 9.30am Peter Kay 10.00am Garry Davis... 12.00-4.00pm VHF Radio 2. 12.00-4.00pm VHF Radio 2. 12.00-4.00pm VHF Radio 2.

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Entertainments

OPERA & BALLETS. OPERA: ROYAL OPERA HOUSE COVENtry. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Ton L. Wed 7.00 ANNA KARENINA. Musical: THE ROYAL OPERA.

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EXHIBITIONS: CHRISTIAN RESOURCES EXHIBITION. ART GALLERY: AGNEW GALLERY. CINEMAS: ACADEMY 3, EAST END, PALLADIUM.

